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HOUSE BILL NO. 11

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SCHOOLS/BOARDS: Requires public school governing authorities to publish certain information on their websites

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:81(W) and 3996(B)(13), relative to governing authorities of public
3 elementary and secondary schools; to require such governing authorities to publish
4 certain information on their websites; to provide definitions; and to provide for
5 related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 17:81(W) and 3996(B)(13) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §81. General powers of city, parish, and other local public school boards

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10 W.(1) Each city, parish, and other local public school board that maintains
11 a website shall publish on it certain information in an easily understandable format.

12 Such information shall include but not be limited to the following:

13 (a) All of the school board's formal policies and procedures. By not later
14 than the beginning of the 2013-2014 school year, the policies and procedures section
15 shall include summaries thereof with separate links to each of the following:

16 (i) The student code of conduct.

17 (ii) All controlled and other prohibited substances or contraband policies.

18 (iii) The dress code for each school.

19 (iv) Grade change process.

20 (v) Harassment or bullying prohibition and prevention procedures.

- 1 (vi) A statement of student rights and responsibilities.
- 2 (b) The minutes of school board meetings required to be made available to
3 the public pursuant to R.S. 42:20.
- 4 (c) A directory of schools and contact information.
- 5 (d) All disciplinary action processes and procedures applicable to students.
6 By not later than the beginning of the 2013-2014 school year, the disciplinary action
7 section also shall include separate links to each of the following:
- 8 (i) All state suspension and expulsion laws applicable to students.
- 9 (ii) A disciplinary action time line from notice through appeal.
- 10 (iii) Explanation of due process rights for both informal and formal hearings
11 and in the case of formal hearings, also shall include a full explanation of the
12 disciplinary process, a complete list of the student's procedural due process rights,
13 the hearing agenda, and the appeal process.
- 14 (iv) Rules and regulations on the use of corporal punishment to discipline
15 students.
- 16 (e) The school calendar, including the beginning and end of the school year,
17 staff days, conference days, testing days, application-specific dates, report card
18 release dates, early release days, and holidays.
- 19 (f) Any collective bargaining agreement in effect between the school board
20 and any of its employees.
- 21 (g) Any proposed collective bargaining agreement between the school board
22 and its employees; such an agreement shall be placed on the website at least five
23 business days prior to its ratification by the school board.
- 24 (h) The current employment contract with the superintendent of schools.
- 25 (i) Any proposed employment contract between the school board and the
26 superintendent of schools; such a contract shall be placed on the website at least five
27 business days prior to its ratification by the school board.
- 28 (2) For purposes of this Subsection, the following terms shall have the
29 meaning ascribed to them in this Paragraph:

DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires each public school board that maintains a website to publish on it certain information.

Present law provides generally for the powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities of public school boards. Proposed law additionally requires the governing authority of any public elementary or secondary school, including a charter school, that maintains a website to publish on it certain specified information in an easily understandable format, including the board's policies and procedures, discipline procedures, school calendars, school contact information, minutes of public board meetings, and certain employment contracts and collective bargaining agreements.

(Adds R.S. 17:81(W) and 3996(B)(13))