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AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:81(T)(3) and (4), relative to instruction in public schools regarding dating violence; to require school governing authorities to provide instruction to certain school employees and information to the parents of certain students regarding dating violence; to require the inclusion of information on dating violence in student codes of conduct; to require school boards to collect data and local superintendents to provide reports relative to dating violence; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 17:81(T)(3) and (4) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

§81. General powers of local public school boards

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(3) The governing authority of each public school enrolling students in grades seven through twelve shall:

(a) At the beginning of each school year, provide instruction to all school employees having contact with students in such grades relative to the definition of dating violence, dating violence warning signs, and how to properly address suspected or reported dating violence involving students, including but not limited to counseling and notification of law enforcement, and provide information relative to dating violence to the parents of students in such grades.

(b) Include in student codes of conduct the definition of dating violence, dating violence warning signs, and instructions for reporting or seeking help relative to dating violence.

