

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 363

BY REPRESENTATIVES PHELPS, ADAMS, BOYD, BRASS, BROWN, BRYANT, CARPENTER, ROBBY CARTER, WILFORD CARTER, CHASSION, FISHER, FREEMAN, FREIBERG, GREEN, HUGHES, JACKSON, TRAVIS JOHNSON, JORDAN, KNOX, LAFLEUR, MANDIE LANDRY, LARVADAIN, LYONS, MARCELLE, MENA, MILLER, MOORE, NEWELL, SELDERS, STAGNI, TAYLOR, WALTERS, WILLARD, AND YOUNG AND SENATORS BOUDREAUX, BOUIE, CARTER, DUPLESSIS, FIELDS, HARRIS, LUNEAU, AND PRICE

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:436.5 and 3996(B)(82), relative to school nurses; to require local public  
3 school boards to adopt policies requiring school nurses to participate in a training  
4 program relative to sickle cell disease; to specify that the training include  
5 information on caring for students with sickle cell disease at school; to require the  
6 Louisiana Sickle Cell Commission to provide training materials to the state  
7 Department of Education and to require the department to make it available to school  
8 boards; and to provide for related matters.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. R.S. 17:436.5 and 3996(B)(82) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 §436.5. Sickle cell disease; training for school nurses

12 A. Each local public school board shall adopt a policy to require that each  
13 school nurse participates in an in-service training program of at least one hour  
14 relative to sickle cell disease. The school boards shall use the instructional materials  
15 provided in accordance with Subsection C of this Section. The training may be  
16 incorporated into an existing in-service training program.

17 B. The program shall include information on symptoms of and treatments  
18 for sickle cell disease in children and shall include, at minimum, the following:

19 (1) The medical needs students may have in a school setting related to the  
20 physiological complications of the disease, including but not limited to anemia,  
21 sensitivity to heat and cold, increased urinary frequency, pain episodes, fevers, and  
22 stroke.

1                   (2) Possible accommodations in the classroom, at recess, and during school  
2                   meal times for students who experience health problems associated with sickle cell  
3                   disease during the school day.

4                   (3) Methods for communicating with parents and other school personnel in  
5                   order to support positive academic outcomes for students with sickle cell disease.

6                   C. The Louisiana Sickle Cell Commission shall provide the instructional  
7                   materials to the state Department of Education, and the department shall provide the  
8                   materials and information to school boards for the purposes of this Section.

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10                   §3996. Charter schools; exemptions; requirements

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12                   B. Notwithstanding any state law, rule, or regulation to the contrary and  
13                   except as may be otherwise specifically provided for in an approved charter, a  
14                   charter school established and operated in accordance with the provisions of this  
15                   Chapter and its approved charter and the school's officers and employees shall be  
16                   exempt from all statutory mandates or other statutory requirements that are  
17                   applicable to public schools and to public school officers and employees except for  
18                   the following laws otherwise applicable to public schools with the same grades:

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20                   (82) Sickle cell disease training for school nurses, R.S. 17:436.5.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_