

Regular Session, 2010

HOUSE BILL NO. 46

BY REPRESENTATIVE HUTTER

CURRICULA: Requires instruction with respect to dating violence in public schools

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:81(T) and 3996(B)(24), relative to instruction to students in public schools  
3 concerning dating violence; to provide applicability; to provide guidelines for such  
4 instruction; to provide an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 17:81(T) and 3996(B)(24) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §81. General powers of city and parish school boards

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9 T.(1) Each school year the governing authority of each public school shall  
10 provide to students in grades seven through twelve enrolled in Health Education age  
11 and grade appropriate classroom instruction relative to dating violence.

12 (2) Such instruction shall include but need not be limited to providing  
13 students with the following information:

14 (a) The definition of "dating violence", which is a pattern of behavior where  
15 one person threatens to use, or actually uses, physical, sexual, verbal, or emotional  
16 abuse to control his or her dating partner.

17 (b) Dating violence warning signs.

18 (c) Characteristics of healthy relationships.

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20 §3996. Charter schools; exemptions

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22 B. Notwithstanding any state law, rule, or regulation to the contrary and  
23 except as may be otherwise specifically provided for in an approved charter, a

1 charter school established and operated in accordance with the provisions of this  
2 Chapter and its approved charter and the school's officers and employees shall be  
3 exempt from all statutory mandates or other statutory requirements that are  
4 applicable to public schools and to public school officers and employees except for  
5 the following laws otherwise applicable to public schools with the same grades:

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7 (24) Teaching regarding dating violence, R.S. 17:81(T).

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9 Section 2. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2010; if vetoed by the governor  
10 and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on July 1,  
11 2010, or on the day following such approval by the legislature, whichever is later.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Requires public school governing authorities to provide to students in grades seven through 12 enrolled in Health Education age and grade appropriate classroom instruction relative to dating violence. Also provides guidelines for such instruction.

Proposed law requires public school governing authorities to provide to students in grades seven through 12 enrolled in Health Education age and grade appropriate classroom instruction relative to dating violence.

Specifies that such instruction shall include but need not be limited to providing students with the following information:

- (1) The definition of "dating violence", which is a pattern of behavior where one person threatens to use, or actually uses, physical, sexual, verbal, or emotional abuse to control his or her dating partner.
- (2) Dating violence warning signs.
- (3) Characteristics of healthy relationships.

Effective July 1, 2010.

(Adds R.S. 17:81(T) and 3996(B)(24))