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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Prohibits corporal punishment in public elementary and secondary schools.

Present law allows school boards discretion relative to corporal punishment and requires them to adopt rules and regulations to implement and control its use. Proposed law prohibits corporal punishment in public schools, removes such discretion from school boards, and requires public school governing authorities to adopt rules and regulations for such prohibition.

Present law requires school boards to conduct parent orientation, including policies on corporal punishment. Proposed law provides rather that orientation shall include policies on the prohibition of corporal punishment and otherwise retains present law.

(Amends R.S. 17:81.6(A), 223, 235.1(B)(4)(a), 416.1(B), and 3996(B)(2))