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SENATE BILL NO. 43

BY SENATORS APPEL AND WHITE

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

SCHOOLS. Provides for student input in the annual review of high school crisis management and response plans. (gov sig)

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To amend and reenact R.S. 17:416.16(B), relative to school crisis management and response plans; to provide for student input in the annual review of such plans for high schools; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 17:416.16(B) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows: §416.16. School crisis management and response plans

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B.(1) Each public school principal, jointly with local law enforcement, fire, public safety, and emergency preparedness officials, shall review the plan at least once annually and shall revise the plan as necessary. In reviewing and revising the plan, the principal and such officials shall consider and include input, if appropriate, from students enrolled in the school and their parents, teachers at the school, other school employees, and community leaders. Each principal shall submit such plan in writing to the local school superintendent for approval at least once annually, including upon each revision.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection,

when conducting the annual review of the crisis management and response plan for a high school, the school principal shall seek and consider input from the students enrolled in the school who shall be represented in the review process by either the president of the senior class or the president of the student council and at least one other responsible student selected by the principal.

(3) The superintendent shall make an annual report to the public school governing authority on the status of the plan of each school under the governing authority's jurisdiction.

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Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jeanne C. Johnston.

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<u>Present law</u> requires each public school principal to jointly prepare a school crisis and management and response plan with local law enforcement, fire, public safety, and emergency preparedness officials. Further provides that the school principal and designated officials shall consider and include input from students, parents, teachers, other school employees, and community leaders, if appropriate.

Proposed law retains present law.

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<u>Present law</u> requires each public school principal, local law enforcement, fire, public safety, and emergency preparedness officials to jointly review the plan at least once a year and revise the plan as necessary. Further provides that when reviewing and revising the plan, the school principal and designated officials shall consider and include input from students, parents, teachers, other school employees, and community leaders, if appropriate.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> but provides that, notwithstanding <u>present law</u>, when conducting the annual review of the crisis management and response plan for a high school, the school principal shall seek and consider input from the students enrolled in the school who shall be represented in the review process by either the president of the senior class, or the president of the student council, and at least one other responsible student selected by the principal.

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(Amends R.S. 17:416.16(B))