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HOUSE BILL NO. 369

BY REPRESENTATIVE HARRIS

EDUCATION: Requires public school governing authorities and public schools to post on their websites laws pertaining to parental access to instructional materials and the Parents' Bill of Rights

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:354 and 3996(B)(67) and (68), relative to education; to require public  
3 school governing authorities and public schools to post information on their websites  
4 relative to laws granting parents access to instructional materials and the Parents' Bill  
5 of Rights for Public Schools; to require distribution of such information during the  
6 first week of school annually; to apply the law relative to parental access to  
7 instructional materials to charter schools; and to provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 17:354 and 3996(B)(67) and (68) are hereby enacted to read as  
10 follows:

11 §354. Parental access to instructional materials and the Parents' Bill of Rights for  
12 Public Schools; posting and distribution of laws and information  
13 A. Each public school governing authority and each public school shall post  
14 on its website information explaining the rights that parents have relative to  
15 accessing the instructional materials used in the education of their child and other  
16 rights pertaining to their child's education. The information shall be posted  
17 prominently in a location that is readily accessible from the main landing page of the  
18 website and shall include an easily understandable summary and the full text and  
19 legal citation of both of the following provisions:



Proposed law requires public school governing authorities and schools to post an easily understandable summary and the full text and legal citation of the following provisions of present law relative to parental access to instructional materials and other parental rights relative to their children's education:

- (1) Present law (R.S. 17:355), which provides that the parent of a child attending a public elementary or secondary school is entitled to access instructional materials
- (2) Present law (R.S. 17:406.9), which, in the Parents' Bill of Rights for Public Schools, provides that parents of public school children who have not reached the age of majority shall have certain rights, including those relative to examining textbooks, curricula, and supplemental materials.

Proposed law also requires that the information be distributed to parents during the first week of school annually via paperwork sent home or any electronic means through which communication is routinely delivered to parents.

Present law applies present law (R.S. 17:406.9) relative to the Parents' Bill of Rights to charter schools. Proposed law additionally applies present law (R.S. 17:355) relative to parental access to instructional materials to charter schools. Proposed law relative to distributing and posting information about such present law on websites is applicable to all public schools, including charter schools.

(Adds R.S. 17:354 and 3996(B)(67) and (68))

#### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Education to the original bill:

1. Additionally require the information to be distributed to parents during the first week of school annually.