

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 115

BY REPRESENTATIVE WYBLE

CURRICULA: Removes certain instructional requirements for students in kindergarten through third grade

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:81(Y)(1), 267(A), 271.1(A), 276.1(A)(1),  
3 280(A)(introductory paragraph), 280.1(A), 404(B)(1), and 2119, relative to required  
4 instruction; to remove the application of certain instruction requirements for students  
5 in grades kindergarten through third; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 17:81(Y)(1), 267(A), 271.1(A), 276.1(A)(1), 280(A)(introductory  
8 paragraph), 280.1(A), 404(B)(1), and 2119 are hereby amended and reenacted to read as  
9 follows:

10 §81. General powers of local public school boards

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12 Y.(1) The governing authority of each public elementary and secondary  
13 school shall provide age- and grade-appropriate classroom instruction to ~~all~~ students  
14 in grades four through twelve relative to child assault awareness and prevention.

15 Such instruction shall be limited to education on what constitutes abuse or an assault,  
16 how students may safely and confidentially report to a school official the  
17 circumstances surrounding any such abuse or assaults, how students may report  
18 abuse or assault to the child protection toll-free hotline operated by the Department

1 of Children and Family Services, and where students may locate the number for the child  
2 protection hotline on the school's website.

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4 §267. Litter prevention and awareness; required instruction

5 A. Instruction in litter prevention and awareness shall be provided to each  
6 public school student in ~~kindergarten through grade~~ grades four and five. Such  
7 instruction shall be integrated into the existing curriculum and may include  
8 instructional materials created and developed for students in Louisiana to assist such  
9 students in making environmentally sound decisions and understanding the vital role  
10 they play in preserving the beauty of the state.

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12 §271.1. Mental health; required instruction

13 A. The governing authority of each public school shall provide to students  
14 in grades ~~kindergarten~~ four through twelve age- and grade-appropriate classroom  
15 instruction relative to mental health.

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17 §276.1. Water safety; required instruction

18 A.(1) Age- and grade-appropriate instruction on water safety shall be  
19 provided to each public school student in grades four through twelve. Such  
20 instruction shall be incorporated into an existing required course, such as health,  
21 physical education, or another course deemed appropriate by the public school  
22 governing authority.

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24 §280. Internet and cell phone safety education; required instruction

25 A. The governing authority of each public elementary and secondary school  
26 shall provide age and grade appropriate classroom instruction regarding Internet and  
27 cell phone safety to students in grades four through twelve. Such instruction shall  
28 be integrated into an existing course of study and shall include but need not be

1 limited to providing students with information on the following with respect to both  
2 cell phones and the Internet:

3 \* \* \*

4 §280.1. Eating disorder awareness and prevention; required instruction

5 A. Each public school governing authority shall provide age- and grade-  
6 appropriate instruction relative to eating disorder awareness and prevention to  
7 students in grades four through twelve. Such instruction shall be integrated into the  
8 curriculum of an existing required course, such as health education, physical  
9 education, or another required course deemed appropriate by the governing authority.

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11 §404. Establishment of programs of substance abuse

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13 B.(1) The state superintendent of education, with the approval of the State  
14 Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, shall develop, furnish to local school  
15 boards, and coordinate the implementation of the programs required by this Section.  
16 Such programs shall be included in the school program such that every student in  
17 grades ~~kindergarten~~ four through nine is involved for a minimum of sixteen contact  
18 hours every school year and every student in grades ten through twelve is involved  
19 for a minimum of eight contact hours every school year. The required minimum  
20 contact hours shall be incorporated into a comprehensive school health program.  
21 Each city and parish school system shall enact policies and procedures for  
22 implementation of such programs in accordance with guidelines promulgated by the  
23 State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education.

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25 §2119. Celebrate Freedom Week

26 Each September, in conjunction with Constitution Day and Constitution  
27 Week, each public school shall observe Celebrate Freedom Week. As part of this  
28 observance, the public school governing authority shall ensure that all students in  
29 grades four through twelve receive age- and grade-appropriate instruction, in a social

1 studies or other appropriate course, on topics related to freedom. Such topics may  
2 include but are not limited to instruction related to the nation's founding and the  
3 intent, meaning, and importance of the Declaration of Independence and the  
4 Constitution of the United States of America, including the Bill of Rights.

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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Removes application of certain instructional requirements to K-3 students.

Present law requires instruction on certain topics and applies some of these requirements to students in grades K-3. Proposed law removes the application of the following instructional requirements to these students:

- (1) Child assault awareness and prevention.
- (2) Litter prevention and awareness.
- (3) Mental health.
- (4) Water safety.
- (5) Internet and cell phone safety.
- (6) Eating disorder and awareness.
- (7) Substance abuse.
- (8) Topics related to freedom for Celebrate Freedom Week.

(Amends R.S. 17:81(Y)(1), 267(A), 271.1(A), 276.1(A)(1), 280(A)(intro. para.), 280.1(A), 404(B)(1), and 2119)