

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

HB 340

2024 Regular Session

Phelps

Present law requires public school governing authorities to adopt rules requiring schools to notify parents of processes and procedures for making complaints and to provide this information to parents at the beginning of each school year. Proposed law would have further required that the rules include the development and implementation of a tracking system for parental complaints.

(Proposed to amend R.S. 17:172)

VETO MESSAGE:

"Please be advised that I have vetoed House Bill 340 of the 2024 Regular Session. This bill requires the governing authority of a local public school to establish a complaint tracking system for every complaint that a parent makes about school incidents involving their children.

However, current law already provides comprehensive guidelines for managing parental complaints. It mandates that the governing authority of a local public school adopt rules and regulations to notify parents or legal guardians, in writing, of the proper processes and procedures for making complaints or requesting information. Additionally, each school is required to annually provide the name, address, phone number, and email address of the appropriate contact person at each step of the complaint process.

Given that complaint processes already exist at the local school level, and schools are obligated to provide contact information for complaint status updates, House Bill 340 is redundant and unnecessary.

For these reasons, House Bill 340 will not become law."