RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Existing law (R.S. 17:1801.1), relative to hazing policies and education, requires that each new postsecondary student be provided a handbook on the dangers of and prohibition on hazing.

<u>Existing law</u> further requires that certain organizations, as a condition of operating at a postsecondary education institution, annually provide hazing prevention education to current and prospective members.

Existing law (R.S. 17:1801) defines "organization" as a fraternity, sorority, association, corporation, order, society, corps, cooperative, club, service group, social group, band, spirit group, athletic team, or similar group whose members are primarily students at, or former students of, a postsecondary education institution in this state. Further includes the national or parent organization of which any of these underlying entities is a sanctioned or recognized member at the time of the hazing.

<u>Prior law</u> required a minimum of one hour of hazing prevention education. <u>New law</u> increases the minimum amount of time of the hazing prevention education <u>from</u> one hour <u>to</u> two hours.

<u>New law</u> requires an institution to terminate an organization's operation on campus if it fails to comply with the hazing prevention education requirement. Further requires the institution to submit a report to the House and Senate committees on education upon such termination.

Effective August 1, 2025.

(Amends R.S. 17:1801.1(C))