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DIGEST

SB 83 Original 2026 Regular Session Edmonds

Proposed law provides that, beginning in the 2026-2027 school year, each city, parish or other local public school board and each public charter school board is to adopt a policy for human trafficking victim prevention, identification, reporting, and assistance for victims.

Proposed law requires that each public school designate a school counselor or school administrator to receive advanced annual training on human trafficking prevention.

Proposed law provides that the training may be in-person or online and the La. Dept. of Education, in conjunction with the governor's office of human trafficking, shall provide information on available training curriculums to school boards. Proposed law provides that the training instruction is to help identify victims and available resources and assistance.

Proposed law requires that the designated school employee and the completion of training requirements be retained by each school and reported to the school boards for both traditional public schools and public charter schools.

Present law provides that the Dept. of Children and Family Services (DCFS), in conjunction with the La. Dept. of Health (LDH), is to develop a plan for identifying minor children who are victims of sex trafficking and to coordinate education, healthcare, housing, government benefits, and specialized services for victims of sex trafficking.

Proposed law retains present law and extends victim services to include those young adults who are between 18 and 21 years of age and transfers from DCFS and LDH to the governor's office of human trafficking the task to identify victims and coordinates benefits for them. Proposed law also changes the term "sex trafficking" to "human trafficking".

Proposed law defines "human trafficking" as trafficking of children for sexual purposes and trafficking related to commercial sexual activity, as well as debt bondage or labor trafficking.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 46:51(16)(intro para), (16)(b)(intro para), 2161, and 2161.1 and Ch.C. Art. 610(A)(4)(b) and (E)(4); adds R.S. 17:419.5, 3996(B)(92), and R.S. 46:51(16)(c))