

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 476

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SCHOOLS: Requires each public secondary school to hang flyers about the Safe Haven Law in restrooms

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:17.9 and 3996(B)(92), relative to public health information; to provide
3 relative to information posted in public middle and high schools; to provide for
4 requirements of the Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services and the
5 state Department of Education; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 17.9 and 3996(B)(92) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §17.9. Safe Haven Law information; posting in schools

9 A. Each public school with students in any grade six through twelve shall
10 display flyers designed by the Louisiana Department of Children and Family
11 Services, hereafter referred to as the "department", in the prescribed locations and
12 in the manner provided for in this Section.

13 B. The content of each flyer, at a minimum, shall be as follows:

14 (1) A brief, age-appropriate heading that quickly communicates the nature
15 of the flyer.

16 (2) A summary of the Save Haven Law (Children's Code Article 1149 et
17 seq.), including but not limited to a summary of the ways a child can be legally
18 surrendered.

19 (3) The URL to the section on the department's website about the Safe Haven
20 Law and a QR code that goes to such section.

Proposed law requires each public middle school and high school, including charter schools, to post a flyer on the inside of every bathroom stall door with information about the Safe Haven Law.

Proposed law requires the La. Dept. of Children and Family Services to design the flyer and make it available to download on its website.

Proposed law requires the state Dept. of Education to provide information to public school governing authorities about how to obtain the flyer.

(Adds R.S. 17:17.9 and 3996(B)(92))