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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Creates a pilot program for the purpose of providing services to students at certain schools.

Proposed law requires the state Dept. of Education (DOE) to establish and administer the Resilient Youth and Trauma-Informed Schools Grant Pilot Program for public schools where the percentage of students who receive free or reduced lunch is 60% or higher. Requires the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education to promulgate rules necessary for the implementation and administration of such program prior to the beginning of the fall 2028 academic semester.

Proposed law requires DOE to issue grants through the program to eligible schools for any of the following purposes:

- (1) Employing school counselors and social workers.
- (2) Providing trauma-informed training to school administrators, teachers, and school employees.
- (3) Implementing social-emotional learning curricula, trauma-informed practices, and resilience curricula.
- (4) Establishing mentorship networks via student organizations at universities and civic organizations in the community.
- (5) Tracking outcomes of the program.

Proposed law is subject to appropriation of funds by the legislature. Provides that the dept. and participating schools may use donations for the purposes of implementing the program.

Effective upon signature by the governor.

(Adds R.S. 17:416.25)