
DIGEST

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Abstract: Directs the La. Dept. of Health (LDH) to develop trauma-informed training of school personnel.

Proposed law provides for definitions.

Proposed law defines adverse childhood events as potentially traumatic events occurring before age eighteen including abuse, neglect, household substance abuse, domestic violence, parental incarceration, and other chronic stressors.

Proposed law requires the LDH to develop a comprehensive, evidence-based, statewide trauma-informed training program for child education personnel.

Proposed law requires the training program to educate school personnel on the prevalence and impact of adverse childhood events.

Proposed law requires the training program to identify common signs and symptoms of trauma in children and adolescents.

Proposed law requires the training program to provide supportive, non-punitive strategies for responding to trauma-related behaviors.

Proposed law requires the training program to promote culturally responsive and developmentally appropriate approaches.

Proposed law requires the training program to include guidance on referrals to appropriate school-based and community-based mental health and support services.

Proposed law requires the training program to emphasize self-care and prevention of secondary trauma for educators and school staff.

Proposed law authorizes the LDH to consult with the Department of Education, child welfare agencies, mental health professionals, and other stakeholders in developing the curriculum.

Proposed law authorizes the LDH to deliver the training through in-person instruction or online modules.

(Adds R.S. 40:1300.81 and 1300.82)