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SENATE BILL NO. 501

BY SENATOR JACKSON-ANDREWS

COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES. Requires public postsecondary education institutions to post information on campuses promoting STI prevention, screening, and treatment to be known as the Campus Awareness Initiative. (gov sig)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:3384.1, relative to public postsecondary education institutions; to provide  
3 for the posting of certain information; to provide information and resources for STI  
4 prevention, screening, and treatment; to provide relative to the design and content  
5 of the poster; to provide for requirements; to provide for donations; to provide for  
6 an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 17:3384.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 **§3384.1. Student health information; awareness signs**

10 **A.(1) Each public postsecondary education institution shall display signs**  
11 **approved or provided by the Louisiana Department of Health, or its designated**  
12 **nonprofit organization, in the manner provided for in this Subsection.**

13 **(a) The text of each sign shall read as follows:**

14 **"Worried about STIs? Just Check!"**

15 **(b) A website link to the department's sexually transmitted infection**  
16 **(STI) information and resources for education on prevention, screening, and**  
17 **treatment shall be printed on the sign.**

1                   **(2) The department, or its designated nonprofit organization, shall design**  
 2                   **and produce the signs. Each sign shall incorporate color graphics. Each sign**  
 3                   **shall be printed on durable signage material that is at least sixteen inches by**  
 4                   **twenty inches, and the text shall be printed in a large, easily readable font.**

5                   **B. Student health center staff shall display the signs in each patient**  
 6                   **admission area, patient waiting room, and patient consultation room.**

7                   **C. This Subsection does not require the Louisiana Department of Health**  
 8                   **to spend its funds to purchase such signs. The Louisiana Department of Health**  
 9                   **may spend donated funds to purchase the signs provided for in this Section or**  
 10                   **may accept donated signs provided for in this Section as long as the donated**  
 11                   **signs are approved by the Louisiana Department of Health.**

12                   **D. As used in this Section, "designated nonprofit organization" means**  
 13                   **a private, nonprofit organization that is tax-exempt under the United States**  
 14                   **Internal Revenue Code, pursuant to 26 U.S.C. 501(c)(3), and that is designated**  
 15                   **by the secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health to assist the department**  
 16                   **in furtherance of the provisions of this Section.**

17                   Section 2. This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Campus Awareness  
 18 Initiative".

19                   Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
 20 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
 21 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
 22 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
 23 effective on the day following such approval.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
 of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services.  
 The keyword, summary, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof  
 or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

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Proposed law requires the La. Dept. of Health (LDH), or its designated nonprofit  
 organization, to produce and distribute signs or posters for student health centers on public  
 postsecondary education institutions that provide a website link to information and resources

on STI prevention, screening, and treatment listed on the LDH website.

Proposed law defines a "designated nonprofit organization".

Proposed law requires the signs to read "Worried about STIs? Just Check!". Proposed law requires signs to be at least 16 inches by 20 inches and the text to be printed in a large, easily readable font.

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

(Adds R.S. 17:3384.1)