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SENATE BILL NO. 338

BY SENATOR BARROW AND REPRESENTATIVES MOORE AND WALTERS

SCHOOLS. Provides for preventing bullying in schools. (8/1/26)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:416.14(D)(3)(e), relative to prevention of bullying in schools;
3 to prevent bullying in schools; and to provide for related matters.

4 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

5 Section 1. R.S. 17:416.14(D)(3)(e) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as
6 follows:

7 §416.14. Bullying; definition; prohibition; notice; reporting; accountability

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9 D. The State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, in collaboration
10 with the state Department of Education, shall develop and adopt rules and
11 regulations to implement the provisions of this Section relative to the procedures and
12 processes to be used to report and investigate bullying and which shall include but
13 not be limited to:

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15 (3) Investigation procedure. The State Board of Elementary and Secondary
16 Education shall develop and adopt a procedure for the investigation of reports of
17 bullying of a student by another student. The procedure shall include the following:

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(e)(i) Disciplinary action. If the school has received a report of bullying, has determined that an act of bullying has occurred, and after meeting with the parent or legal guardian of the students involved, the school official shall:

(i)(aa) Take prompt and appropriate disciplinary action against the student that the school official determines has engaged in conduct which constitutes bullying, if appropriate.

(ii)(bb) Report criminal conduct to law enforcement, if appropriate.

(cc) Require that the student and his parent participate in a court-approved decisionmaking course necessary for the student's conduct.

(ii) If the school has received a report of bullying, has determined that an act of bullying has occurred, and after meeting with the parent or legal guardian of the students involved, the school official may require the parent or legal guardian of the student involved to attend school with the student for one week upon return of the student to school.

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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)]

DIGEST

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Barrow

Present law provides that school officials must take the following disciplinary action when it has been determined that an act of bullying has occurred, and after meeting with the parent or legal guardian of the students involved:

- (1) Take prompt and appropriate disciplinary action against the student that the school official determines has engaged in conduct which constitutes bullying, if appropriate.
- (2) Report criminal conduct to law enforcement, if appropriate.

Proposed law retains present law and requires the student and his parent to participate in a court-approved decisionmaking course necessary for the student's conduct as a disciplinary action.

Proposed law allows the school official to require the parent or legal guardian to attend school with the student for one week upon return of the student to school if the school has received a report of bullying, has determined that an act of bullying has occurred, and has met with the parent or legal guardian of the students involved.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 17:416.14(D)(3)(e))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Education to the original bill

1. Provides that the school official must require the parent or legal guardian of the student to attend school with the student for one week upon the student's return to school.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Makes technical changes.
2. Changes the requirement that a parent or legal guardian of the student attend school with the student after a bullying incident to allow the school to require the parent or legal guardian to attend school with the student after the incident.