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SB 488 Engrossed

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Present law provides for school crisis management and response plans. Proposed law retains present law and provides the following:

- (1) Authorizes the state Dept. of Education (DOE) to establish a school safety drone response pilot program to evaluate the use of drone technology as a supplement to existing school safety and law enforcement response protocols at public schools.
- (2) Requires the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) to establish criteria for school participation.
- (3) Authorizes DOE to choose a vendor to operate the program and provide drone response technology.
- (4) Requires that the program be conducted as part of present law crisis management and response plans.
- (5) Provides that each public school is eligible to participate and requires DOE to select between one and four schools to participate in the program.
- (6) Provides that as a condition of participation, a school shall provide school mapping data to the vendor, subject to present law (R.S. 17:416.16.1), and requires the vendor to enter into a confidentiality agreement with DOE, the school, and the La. Center for Safe Schools.
- (7) Authorizes DOE to accept grants or private funding to establish and operate the program.
- (8) Requires the vendor to coordinate with DOE, state police, and the La. Sheriffs' Assoc. on the drone operational training procedures.
- (9) Requires DOE, beginning Dec. 31, 2027, to submit an annual report on the program to the House and Senate committees on education.

(Adds R.S. 17:416.16.2)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

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

1. Make technical amendment.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Education to the engrossed bill:

1. Add a requirement that the vendor coordinate with DOE, state police, and the La. Sheriffs' Assoc. on drone operational training procedures.
2. Make technical changes.