

DIGEST

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SB 450 Re-Reengrossed

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Physical Security School Assessments

Proposed law (R.S. 17:416.16.2) authorizes each public school, including each charter school, and nonpublic school to obtain a physical security school assessment upon a request made to the La. Fusion Center. Provides that the fusion center is the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections, office of state police, La. State Analytical and Fusion Exchange.

Proposed law requires the fusion center to conduct physical security school assessments only within the limits of funds appropriated or otherwise made available for such purpose and only to the extent that personnel and resources are available for such purpose.

Proposed law requires the fusion center, upon completion of an assessment, to provide a written report of its findings and options for consideration to the school's emergency response coordinator and principal. Prohibits a school from being required to implement such options for consideration. Authorizes a school to apply for grants provided for in present law (R.S. 29:726.6) to implement such options.

Proposed law requires the state Dept. of Education to post on its website regarding the availability of physical security school assessments.

Proposed law provides that physical security school assessments and related materials are subject to present law (R.S. 44:3(1)(3)) public records law exemptions.

Reports of Threats of Violence and Threats of Terrorism

Present law (R.S. 17:409.3) requires any school employee with knowledge of a threat of violence or threat of terrorism to immediately report the threat to a local law enforcement agency and, in certain cases, to the school administrator. Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law requires a local law enforcement agency to which a report was made pursuant to present law to report the threat to the fusion center within seven calendar days. Proposed law provides that such reports are prohibited from including personally identifiable information. Proposed law requires the fusion center to use the reports to collect data and analytics of threats of violence and threats of terrorism.

Present law provides for immunity from liability for such reporting, except in cases of malicious or intentional false reporting.

Proposed law retains present law and further provides immunity from liability to a local law enforcement agency that fails to report a threat to the fusion center within seven calendar days.

Proposed law provides that reports made to the fusion center are subject to present law (R.S. 44:3(A)(3)) public records exemptions.

(Amends R.S. 17:409.3(A) and (C), R.S. 29:726.6(B)(2), and R.S. 44:4.1(B)(9); Adds R.S. 17:409.3(D) and (E) and 416.16.2)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Finance to the engrossed bill

1. Remove requirement that the fusion center, beginning Jan. 1, 2027, conduct assessments of each public elementary and secondary school.
2. Remove requirement that the fusion center advise nonpublic schools and charter schools of the availability of assessments.
3. Authorize public elementary and secondary schools in each city, parish, and other local public school districts to obtain an assessment upon a request made to the fusion center.
4. Require the fusion center to conduct physical security school assessments only within the limits of funds appropriated or otherwise made available for this purpose and only to the extent that personnel and resources are available for this purpose.
5. Require the state Dept. of Education to advise all elementary and secondary schools of the availability of assessments.
6. Make technical changes.

Senate Floor Amendments to reengrossed bill

1. Makes technical changes.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Provide that records provided for in proposed law are subject to present law public records exemption for certain records.
2. Remove requirement that the state Dept. of Education advise all elementary and secondary schools of the availability of physical security school assessments and instead require the Dept. to post on its website information regarding such availability.
3. Add employees of charter schools and nonpublic schools to proposed law limitation of liability.