

1 WHEREAS, this law provides that such a program shall ensure that each student,
2 each student's parent or legal guardian, and each school administrator, teacher, counselor,
3 bus operator, school employee, and volunteer is aware of his duties and responsibilities
4 relative to preventing and stopping bullying; provide for a process for reporting and
5 investigating alleged incidents of bullying; provide for appropriate discipline of a student
6 found guilty of bullying; provide for appropriate remedies for a student found to have been
7 bullied; and provide for procedures for investigating and reporting each school administrator,
8 teacher, counselor, bus operator, and school employee for failure to act as provided by law;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, this law further requires each governing authority to conduct a review
11 of the student code of conduct and amend the code as may be necessary to assure that the
12 policy prohibiting the bullying of a student by another student specifically addresses the
13 behavior constituting bullying, the effect the behavior has on others, including bystanders,
14 and the disciplinary and criminal consequences and includes the definition of bullying as
15 provided by law; and

16 WHEREAS, student safety should be the utmost priority at both the state and local
17 levels, and in spite of current law, there are students who are bullied by other students; and

18 WHEREAS, in order for the public education system to meet its constitutional goal
19 of providing learning environments and experiences at all stages of human development that
20 are humane, just, and designed to promote excellence, it is imperative that all public school
21 governing authorities and employees comply with and enforce, as applicable, the laws of the
22 state relative to bullying.

23 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
24 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request public school governing authorities
25 and employees to comply with and enforce, as applicable, the bullying laws of the state of
26 Louisiana.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
28 state superintendent of education, who shall disseminate a copy to the superintendent of each
29 city, parish, or other local public school system and to the governing authority of each
30 charter school.

DIGEST

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