

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 628 (HB 218)

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New law:

- (1) Requires the state Dept. of Education, in consultation with the La. Dept. of Health (LDH), to include questions pertaining to food insecurity on the residency questionnaire administered for purposes of federal law.
- (2) Requires each public school to annually distribute the questionnaire to each student in grades K-12 upon enrollment, change of address, and reasonable suspicion of food insecurity by school personnel or school-based health clinics.
- (3) Provides that if the responses indicate that a student is at risk for food insecurity, the school shall provide the parents or legal guardian information on federal, state, community, and school resources and services that may be available.
- (4) Requires the information on federal, state, and community resources to be compiled by LDH, which shall provide the information to each school at no cost to the school or its school board.
- (5) Requires that responses remain confidential except for disclosure to a student's parent or legal guardian or to the student if he has reached the age of majority or is an emancipated minor and to authorized school personnel responsible for the provision of the information as required by new law.
- (6) Prohibits school employees from using the responses to make any decision relating to student instruction, academic opportunities, or discipline.
- (7) Provides that no school board or employee thereof shall be liable for damages in a civil action for injury, death, or loss to person or property that allegedly arises from an act or omission associated with new law unless the act or omission constitutes willful or wanton misconduct.

New law is applicable to all public schools, including charter schools.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Adds R.S. 17:2113 and 3996(B)(24))