

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Existing law provides relative to incidents of power-based violence at public postsecondary education institutions and defined power-based violence as any form of interpersonal violence intended to control or intimidate another person through the assertion of power over the person, including:

- (1) Dating violence.
- (2) Domestic abuse and family violence.
- (3) Nonconsensual observation of another person's sexuality without the other person's consent, including voyeurism, video voyeurism, nonconsensual disclosure of a private image, and peeping tom activities.
- (4) Sexual assault.
- (5) Sexual exploitation.
- (6) Sexual harassment.
- (7) Stalking and cyberstalking.
- (8) Unlawful communications.
- (9) Unwelcome sexual or sex- or gender-based conduct that is objectively offensive, has a discriminatory intent, and lacks a bona fide academic purpose.

New law retains existing law but expands the definition to provide that power-based violence means any form of interpersonal conduct intended to control, coerce, harm, exploit, or intimidate another person on the basis of sex through the assertion of power or authority over the person, including the existing law provisions enumerated above and any conduct prohibited by existing law (R.S. 14:73.13 and 73.14) involving media generated by artificial intelligence or deepfake media depicting sexual imagery.

Prior law required, not later than the beginning of the fall semester of 2022, the administration of each institution, in consultation with campus or local law enforcement agencies, to have developed and distributed information to students regarding power-based violence, campus safety, and internet and cell phone safety and online content that is a potential threat to school safety.

New law requires, not later than the beginning of the fall semester of 2026, the administration of each institution to distribute this information at least four times per academic year. Provides that it be distributed in person or through online delivery or both.

Prior law required that the information include:

- (1) Instruction on how to identify and prevent power-based violence and detect potential threats to school safety exhibited online. New law requires instruction on the identification, prevention, dangers, and prohibition of power-based violence and detect potential threats to school safety exhibited online.
- (2) How to report incidents of power-based violence, crimes on campus, violations of the student code of conduct, and possible threats to campus safety. New law retains existing law.
- (3) Where to find reports regarding campus safety. New law retains existing law.

New law provides that if the student receiving the information is a minor, the information must also be provided to his parent or legal guardian and requires the information to be updated in consultation with campus or local law enforcement.

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(Amends R.S. 17:3399.12(5) and 3399.16(A), (B), and (C))