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Present law authorizes public elementary and secondary schools to offer instruction in sex education in grades seven and above, provided that such instruction is integrated into an existing course of study such as biology, science, physical hygiene, or physical education.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law prohibits students from being tested, quizzed, or surveyed about their personal beliefs or practices in sex, morality, or religion.

Proposed law adds an exception to present law to authorize public school governing authorities in Orleans Parish to anonymously survey students regarding their risk behaviors, including those related to sexual health. Provides that a student's parent or legal guardian has the option to have his child excused from participation in any such survey. Further provides that all information collected pursuant to such survey shall be reported in the aggregate, and any school level data is confidential and shall not be considered a public record.

Effective August 1, 2015.

(Amends R.S. 17:281(A)(2))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

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

1. Specifies that survey is anonymous.

2. Provides parental opt-out from student participation.

3. Provides for aggregate reporting.

4. Provides that school level data is confidential and shall not be a public record.