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Present law provides for the crime of intentional possession or use of a dangerous weapon on a school campus or a school bus. Additionally provides an exemption to certain persons, including peace officers in the performance of official duties.

Present law provides for the crime of carrying a firearm or dangerous weapon by a student or nonstudent on school property, at school-sponsored functions, or in a firearm-free zone. Additionally provides exemptions to allow federal law enforcement officers or a Louisiana-commissioned state, or local POST certified law enforcement officer authorized to carry a firearm on a school campus.

Proposed law retains present law and clarifies that a law enforcement officer may carry a weapon on school campus, whether in performance of his official duties or not, and whether he is compensated or volunteers his services.

Present law provides that every school shall have a crisis management and response plan which details the roles and responsibilities of each school employee. Proposed law retains present law and provides that the crisis management plan shall detail the roles and responsibilities of each law enforcement, fire, public safety, and emergency preparedness agency.

Proposed law additionally provides that the crisis management plan may provide for the school principal to develop a process that allows peace officers to patrol the school to ensure school security, whether or not the peace officers are compensated or volunteer their services to patrol the school.

Proposed law provides that the crisis management plan may provide for the principal to enter into agreements with law enforcement agencies for school resource officers, provided that each school resource officer, whether or not he is compensated or volunteers his services, meets the qualifications required in present law.

Present law provides that within the first 30 days of each school year, the school principal shall conduct a safety drill to rehearse the crisis management plan.

Proposed law retains present law and additionally provides that the drill shall be conducted in conjunction with appropriate law enforcement, fire, public safety, and emergency preparedness agencies.

Present law provides that the school principal shall keep a copy of the approved crisis management plan in his office and provide a copy of the plan to the president of the local school board, the local school superintendent, the chief of police or the local sheriff, and the local fire chief.

Proposed law retains present law and additionally requires that a copy of the plan be provided to the administrative leader of any other law enforcement agency included in the crisis management plan or that provides school resource officers to the school.

Present law provides that a school system may enter into agreements with a local law enforcement agency to provide school resource officers.

Proposed law retains present law but removes the requirement that the law enforcement agency be a local agency and clarifies that a school resource officer may be compensated or a volunteer.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 14:95(A)(5)(b)(i) and 95.2(C)(1), and R.S. 17:416.16(A)(3) and (C)(1), and 416.19(A); adds R.S. 17:416.16(A)(5) and (6), and (G)(4))