

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 160

BY REPRESENTATIVE BOUIE

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

SCHOOLS: Provides for the collection and reporting of certain information relative to school safety and discipline

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3911(B)(1)(i) and (l) and 3912(A) and (B) and to enact R.S.
3 17:416.19(D) and 3911(B)(1)(m), relative to information on school safety and
4 discipline; to require the collection and reporting of certain information relative to
5 school safety and discipline; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 17:3911(B)(1)(i) and (l) and 3912(A) and (B) are hereby amended
8 and reenacted and R.S. 17:416.19(D) and 3911(B)(1)(m) are hereby enacted to read as
9 follows:

10 §416.19. School resource officers

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12 D. A city, parish, or other local public school system that has entered into an
13 agreement with a local law enforcement agency to provide for school resource
14 officers shall annually report to the state Department of Education the total number
15 of school resource officers provided to the system.

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17 §3911. Data collection system; establishment

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19 B.(1) The data collection system shall provide for but shall not be limited to
20 the regular collection of the following information on a per school basis, including

1 schools and educational programs located within secure care facilities under the
2 jurisdiction of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of juvenile
3 justice:

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5 (i) Student discipline information, ~~including suspensions and expulsions.~~ in
6 total and by unduplicated counts, disaggregated by race, ethnicity, gender, sex,
7 English learner status, and students with exceptionalities, excluding gifted and
8 talented, in accordance with data collection conducted pursuant to 20 U.S.C.
9 3413(c)(1), including but not limited to the following:

- 10 (i) In-school suspensions.
- 11 (ii) Out-of-school suspensions.
- 12 (iii) In-school expulsions.
- 13 (iv) Out-of-school expulsions.
- 14 (v) Removals to an alternative education setting by school personnel.
- 15 (vi) Referrals to law enforcement.
- 16 (vii) School-related arrests.

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- 18 (l) Number of school resource officers.
- 19 (m) Such other data as the board may approve.

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21 §3912. Progress profiles; preparation; distribution

22 A. Using, at a minimum, the data required to be collected pursuant to R.S.
23 17:3911(B), the ~~department~~ state Department of Education shall annually prepare
24 and produce a state-level progress profile, a district-level progress profile for each
25 public school system, and a school-level progress profile for each public school.
26 Each profile shall be produced in a format common to all of them which shall be
27 designed by the department so as to provide to school-based users all pertinent
28 information in a readily usable form and to provide to the public all pertinent
29 information in a clear and understandable form. The state-level and each district-

planning, increase accountability at all levels, provide information to parents of school children and the public about the status of education, to provide achievement and performance information to schools and colleges, and to foster a link between elementary and secondary schools and colleges and universities. Requires schools and school systems to be provided copies of profiles by DOE without cost and requires each district to provide parents a free copy of the parent-level profile. Further requires DOE to provide a summary report on the profiles to the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education, the governor, and the legislature. Provides that the progress profiles are public records. Proposed law adds a requirement that the progress profiles be published on DOE's website.

Present law provides that the data collected include student test results, school performance scores, dropout rates, faculty information, student discipline information, and other specified information. Requires the department to annually collect specific data for students with exceptionalities, excluding gifted and talented. Further requires for the collection and reporting of data for each disability classification in total and by race, gender, age, and sex. Proposed law further specifies the following:

- (1) Relative to the collection of student discipline information, proposed law specifies that such information be collected in total and by unduplicated counts, disaggregated by race, ethnicity, gender, sex, English learner status, and students with exceptionalities, excluding gifted and talented, in accordance with data collection conducted pursuant to federal law (relative to data collected to ensure compliance with civil rights laws), including but not limited to information on student suspensions, expulsions, removals to alternative settings, referrals to law enforcement, and school-related arrests.
- (2) Adds the number of school resource officers to the list of information that shall be collected on a per school basis.

Present law authorizes local public school systems and nonpublic schools to enter into agreements with local law enforcement agencies to provide for school resource officers. Proposed law requires a local public school system that has entered into such an agreement to annually report to the DOE the total number of school resource officers provided to the system.

(Amends R.S. 17:3911(B)(1)(i) and (l) and 3912(A) and (B); Adds R.S. 17:416.19(D) and 3911(B)(1)(m))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Education to the original bill:

Relative to the data collected on a per school basis pursuant to present law and proposed law:

1. Remove age from the list of categories for which student discipline information shall be disaggregated.
2. Add the number of school resource officers.