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Abstract: Establishes procedure for public postsecondary students to be represented by an attorney or non-attorney advocate in certain disciplinary hearings.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires public postsecondary education management boards to establish policies relative to the procedure for students or student organizations being charged with non-academic offenses to use an attorney or non-attorney advocate in their defense at disciplinary proceedings and appeal hearings.

Such a policy shall apply to a student or student organization being accused of violating a non-academic rule or policy and shall include:

- (1) Requirements for notice of a charge being brought against a student or student organization.
- (2) The opportunity for a student or student organization to appeal a decision that it was in violation of a non-academic policy or rule within 90 days of the decision.
- (3) A procedure for presenting evidence.
- (4) The victim or accuser having an opportunity to be represented by an attorney or non-attorney advocate.

Provides for the role of the attorney general in the enforcement of proposed law.

Authorizes a court to award treble damages for a violation of proposed law.

Provides exception for disclosing identity of victims of sexual assault.

(Adds R.S. 17:3394)