RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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<u>New law</u> requires that school nurses in public schools, including charter schools, participate in a one hour, in-service training program on caring for students with sickle cell disease.

<u>New law</u> provides that the training program required by <u>new law</u> shall include information on all of the following:

- (1) The medical needs of students with sickle cell disease.
- (2) The possible accommodations a student with sickle cell disease may require.
- (3) The methods required to communicate with parents and other school personnel to support positive academic outcomes for students with sickle cell disease.

<u>New law</u> requires the La. Sickle Cell Commission to develop instructional materials, which shall be made available on the La. State Bd. of Nursing's website.

<u>Existing law</u> establishes a registry to record data related to individuals diagnosed with sickle cell disease in this state.

Existing law requires a healthcare provider to provide the La. Dept. of Health (LDH) with patient data when an individual is diagnosed with sickle cell disease.

Existing law directs LDH to promulgate rules to govern the collection of data.

<u>New law</u> directs LDH to facilitate an agreement between sickle cell clinics and sickle cell associations to communicate patient information.

<u>New law</u> directs LDH to utilize existing software to expedite the communication between healthcare providers and the sickle cell associations.

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(Amends R.S. 40:1125.13; Adds R.S. 17:436.5 and 3996(B)(82))