

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Hazing Prohibition and Penalties

Existing law prohibits the hazing of any person attending any postsecondary education institution and requires anyone who violates existing law prohibiting hazing to be expelled, suspended, or dismissed from the institution he attends and not permitted to return for at least one semester. New law further provides for the following penalties:

- (1) For an institution, a two-year prohibition on the State Bond Commission authorizing the institution to incur any debt.
- (2) For an organization, suspension, expulsion, deactivation, loss of recognition, or other sanctions deemed appropriate. If a violation by an organization results in the death of a person, permanent banishment.

Prevention

Existing law requires each new student to be provided educational information on the dangers of and prohibition on hazing during the new student orientation process. Requires such information to be provided to the parent of a student if the student is a minor. Prior law required this to be provided in the form of a handbook. New law requires this to be distributed to students either in-person or electronically.

Prior law required the Bd. of Regents to develop and adopt a uniform policy on hazing prevention. New law requires the board, in consultation with each postsecondary education management board, to establish uniform policies and best practices to address the reporting of hazing on campuses and the prevention of hazing.

Victim Support

New law requires each organization to make available and provide information about resources to a student who is an alleged victim of hazing, including information on how to access medical and reporting resources and counseling.

Reporting

Existing law requires organizations and institutions to report incidents of hazing. Requires an organization that takes disciplinary action for hazing to report this to the institution and requires the institution to report it to law enforcement. New law additionally requires the organization to report it to law enforcement.

New law requires each public postsecondary education institution to maintain a publicly accessible website with information on hazing incidents and the corresponding discipline taken.

New law requires the Bd. of Regents to submit an annual report to the House and Senate committees on education, the House Committee on the Administration of Criminal Justice, the House Committee on Civil Law and Procedure, and the House and Senate select committees on women and children with the information published on the website as required by new law.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 17:1801; Repeals R.S. 17:1801.1)