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HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Representative Rosalind Jones to Reengrossed Senate Bill No. 67 by Senator Broome

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 3, after "R.S. 17:416(A)(1)(c)(viii)," and before "relative" insert "416.21, and 3996(B)(13),"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 9, after "suspensions;" and before "to provide" insert "to require such school boards to publish student discipline policies and other specified information on their websites;"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 14, after "R.S. 17:416(A)(1)(c)(viii)" delete the remainder of the line and insert a comma "," and insert "416.21, and 3996(B)(13) are hereby"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 6, after line 4, insert the following:

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§416.21. Student discipline policies and procedures; other information; school board websites

A. Each city, parish, and other local public school board that maintains a website shall publish on it certain information relative to student discipline and other matters in an easily understandable format. Such information shall include but not be limited to the following:

(1) Disciplinary action processes and procedures applicable to students.

(2) The school board's policies and procedures.

(3) Minutes of school board meetings required to be made available to the public pursuant to R.S. 42:20.

(4) Directory of schools and contact information.

(5) School calendars, including the beginning and end of each school year, staff days, conference days, testing days, application-specific dates, report card release dates, early release days, and holidays.

B. For purposes of this Section the following terms shall have the meaning ascribed thereto:

(1) "City, parish, and other local public school board" means the governing authority of any public elementary or secondary school.

(2) "Disciplinary action processes and procedures" means all written disciplinary policies and procedures for students and by not later than the beginning of the 2012-2013 school year also shall include separate links for each of the following:

(a) All state suspension and expulsion laws applicable to students.

(b) A disciplinary action timeline, from notice through appeal.

(c) Explanation of due process rights for both informal and formal hearings and in the case of formal hearings, shall also include a full explanation

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of the disciplinary process, a complete list of the student's procedural due process rights, the hearing agenda, and the appeal process.

(d) Rules and regulations on the use of corporal punishment to discipline students.

(3) "Policies and procedures" means all formal policies and procedures and by not later than the beginning of the 2013-2014 school year also shall include summaries thereof with separate links for each of the following:

(a) Student code of conduct.

(b) Controlled and other prohibited substances or contraband policy.

(c) Dress code.

(d) Grade change process.

(e) Harassment or bullying prohibition and prevention procedures.

(f) Student rights and responsibilities.

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§3996. Charter schools; exemptions

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B. Notwithstanding any state law, rule, or regulation to the contrary and except as may be otherwise specifically provided for in an approved charter, a charter school established and operated in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter and its approved charter and the school's officers and employees shall be exempt from all statutory mandates or other statutory requirements that are applicable to public schools and to public school officers and employees except for the following laws otherwise applicable to public schools with the same grades:

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(13) Publication of certain information on the website of the school governing authority, R.S. 17:416.21.

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