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HOUSE BILL NO. 661

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SCHOOLS: Requires BESE to assist school governing authorities relative to reimbursement of certain school-based health care services and to identify funding sources relative to electronic health reports for students

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:7(33), relative to the powers and duties of the State Board of Elementary
3 and Secondary Education; to require the board to assist governing authorities in
4 maximizing reimbursement of certain school-based health care services; to identify
5 certain funding sources in order to create and maintain electronic health reports; and
6 to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 17:7(33) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §7. Duties, functions, and responsibilities of board

10 In addition to the authorities granted by R.S. 17:6 and any powers, duties, and
11 responsibilities vested by any other applicable laws, the board shall:

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13 (33) In collaboration with the Department of Health and Hospitals, assist
14 school governing authorities in maximizing reimbursement of all eligible school-
15 based health care services through state and federal health care programs for
16 children. The board shall additionally identify any state or federal grants and other
17 external funding sources available to support public schools in creating and
18 maintaining electronic health reports for students.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires BESE to assist school governing authorities in maximizing reimbursement of certain school-based health care services and to identify certain funding sources relative to electronic health reports for students.

Present law provides for the powers and duties of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE). Proposed law adds to present law a requirement that BESE collaborate with the Dept. of Health and Hospitals to assist school governing authorities in maximizing reimbursement of all eligible school-based health care services through state and federal health care programs for children. Additionally requires BESE to identify any state or federal grants and other external funding sources available to support public schools in creating and maintaining electronic health reports for students.

(Adds R.S. 17:7(33))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Education to the original bill.

1. Adds certified athletic trainers to those permitted to have access to students' electronic health reports.

House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill.

1. Requires BESE to collaborate with the Dept. of Health and Hospitals to assist school governing authorities in maximizing reimbursement of eligible school-based health care services through state and federal health care programs for children.
2. Requires BESE to identify funding sources to support public schools in creating and maintaining electronic health reports for students.
3. Deletes proposed law requirement that BESE provide for a comprehensive school health care system in all public schools that includes the creation and maintenance of electronic health records for students.