

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE BILL NO. 368

BY REPRESENTATIVE NORTON



Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:416.16(B) and (C) and 416.19(A) and to enact R.S. 17:416.16(D), relative to school safety; to provide relative to school crisis management and response plans, including their preparation, content, rehearsal, review, revision, and approval; to provide relative to the authority of public and nonpublic schools to provide for school resource officers; to provide that such school resource officers may be armed; to provide for rules and regulations; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 17:416.16(B) and (C) and 416.19(A) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 17:416.16(D) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§416.16. School crisis management and response plans

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B.(1) Each public school principal shall review the plan at least once annually and shall revise it as necessary. In reviewing and revising the plan, the principal shall consider and include, if appropriate, input from students enrolled in the school and their parents, teachers at the school, other school employees, community leaders, and local law enforcement, fire, public safety, and emergency preparedness officials. Each school shall submit such plan in writing to its school board for review and approval at least once annually, including upon each revision.

~~(2) Not later than January 1, 2002, each city, parish, and other local public school board shall have approved a crisis management and response plan for each public school under its jurisdiction.~~

VETO MESSAGE

House Bill No. 368 by Representative Norton is duplicative of another bill I have already signed into law, Act 50 of 2013 by Representative Bob Hensgens. Both bills provide an outline for school safety and crisis response plans in schools.

For these reasons, I have vetoed House Bill No. 368 and hereby return it to the House of Representatives.