2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 320

BY REPRESENTATIVE OWEN

EDUCATION: Repeals certain student instruction and teacher training requirements and
authorizes the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to adopt policies
requiring the inclusion of certain topics in such instruction and training

1   AN ACT

2   To amend and reenact R.S. 17:6(A)(15), to enact R.S. 17:6(A)(16), and to repeal R.S.

3   17:81(R), (T), (X), and (Y), 154(A)(2) and (3), 252(D), 263, 266, 267, 271, 271.1,

4   275, 276.1, 279 through 280.2, 404, 416.14(C)(2), 437, 437.1(B), 437.2, 440.1,

5   440.2, and 3996(B)(4), (22), (24), (30), (34), (42), (44), (51), (64), (68), (69), (73),

6   and (76), relative to required instruction for students and required training for

7   teachers and other school employees; to repeal certain specific instructional and

8   training requirements; to authorize the State Board of Elementary and Secondary

9   Education to adopt policies providing for certain instructional and training

10   requirements; and to provide for related matters.

11   Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

12   Section 1. R.S. 17:6(A)(15) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 17:6(A)(16)

13   is hereby enacted to read as follows:

14   §6. General powers of board

15   A. In the exercise of its supervision and control over the public elementary

16   and secondary schools and special schools under its jurisdiction, and in the exercise

17   of its budgetary responsibility for all funds appropriated or allocated by the state for

1   public elementary and secondary schools and special schools placed under its

2   jurisdiction, the board shall have authority to:

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4   (15) Adopt policies that require the inclusion of certain topics in student

5   instruction and in the training of teachers and other school employees.

6   (16) Perform such other functions as are necessary to the supervision and

7   control of those phases of education under its supervision and control.

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9   Section 2. R.S. 17:81(R), (T), (X), and (Y), 154(A)(2) and (3), 252(D), 263, 266,

10   267, 271, 271.1, 275, 276.1, 279 through 280.2, 404, 416.14(C)(2), 437, 437.1(B), 437.2,

11   440.1, 440.2, and 3996(B)(4), (22), (24), (30), (34), (42), (44), (51), (64), (68), (69), (73),

12   and (76) are hereby repealed in their entirety.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Repeals certain student instruction and teacher/employee training requirements
and authorizes the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) to
adopt policies requiring the inclusion of certain topics in such instruction and
training.

Present law requires student instruction on the following: adoption awareness, breast and
cervical exams, CPR and automated external defibrillators, child assault, cursive writing,
dating violence, eating disorders, internet and cell phone safety, litter, mental health, organ
donation, parenthood, safe haven laws, shaken baby syndrome, substance abuse, and water
safety.

Present law requires teacher/school employee training on the following: adverse childhood
experiences and trauma-informed education, classroom management, bullying,
communicable disease and control, first aid, sudden cardiac arrest, and suicide prevention.

Proposed law repeals these requirements and authorizes BESE to adopt policies that require
the inclusion of certain topics in student instruction and in the training of teachers of other
school employees.

(Amends R.S. 17:6(A)(15); Adds R.S. 17:6(A)(16); Repeals R.S. 17:81(R), (T), (X), and
(Y), 154(A)(2) and (3), 252(D), 263, 266, 267, 271, 271.1, 275, 276.1, 279 through 280.2,
404, 416.14(C)(2), 437, 437.1(B), 437.2, 440.1, 440.2, and 3996(B)(4), (22), (24), (30), (34),
(42), (44), (51), (64), (68), (69), (73), and (76))

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