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SCHOOLS/EMPLOYEES: Requires in-service training for school nurses on caring for students with sickle cell disease

AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:436.5 and 3996(B)(82), relative to school nurses; to require local public 3 school boards to adopt policies requiring school nurses to participate in a training 4 program relative to sickle cell disease; to specify that the training include 5 information on caring for students with sickle cell disease at school; to require the 6 Louisiana Sickle Cell Commission to provide training materials to the state 7 Department of Education and to require the department to make it available to school 8 boards; and to provide for related matters. 9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana: 10 Section 1. R.S. 17:436.5 and 3996(B)(82) are hereby enacted to read as follows: 11 §436.5. Sickle cell disease; training for school nurses 12 A. Each local public school board shall adopt a policy to require that each 13 school nurse participates in an in-service training program of at least one hour 14 relative to sickle cell disease. The school boards shall use the instructional materials 15 provided in accordance with Subsection C of this Section. The training may be 16 incorporated into an existing in-service training program.

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1	B. The program shall include information on symptoms of and treatments
2	for sickle cell disease in children and shall include, at minimum, the following:
3	(1) The medical needs students may have in a school setting related to the
4	physiological complications of the disease, including but not limited to anemia,
5	sensitivity to heat and cold, increased urinary frequency, pain episodes, fevers, and
6	stroke.
7	(2) Possible accommodations in the classroom, at recess, and during school
8	meal times for students who experience health problems associated with sickle cell
9	disease during the school day.
10	(3) Methods for communicating with parents and other school personnel in
11	order to support positive academic outcomes for students with sickle cell disease.
12	C. The Louisiana Sickle Cell Commission shall provide the instructional
13	materials to the state Department of Education, and the department shall provide the
14	materials and information to school boards for the purposes of this Section.
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16	§3996. Charter schools; exemptions; requirements
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18	B. Notwithstanding any state law, rule, or regulation to the contrary and
19	except as may be otherwise specifically provided for in an approved charter, a
20	charter school established and operated in accordance with the provisions of this
21	Chapter and its approved charter and the school's officers and employees shall be
22	exempt from all statutory mandates or other statutory requirements that are
23	applicable to public schools and to public school officers and employees except for
24	the following laws otherwise applicable to public schools with the same grades:
25	* * *
26	(82) Sickle cell disease training for school nurses, R.S. 17:436.5.
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## **DIGEST**

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**Abstract:** Requires in-service training for school nurses on sickle cell disease.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires that school nurses in public schools, including charter schools, participate in an in-service training program using instructional materials provided in accordance with <u>proposed law</u> on caring for students with sickle cell disease, including disease symptoms and treatment; medical needs of, and possible accommodations for, such students; and communication with parents and other school personnel in support of positive academic outcomes for these students. Requires the La. Sickle Cell Commission to provide the instructional materials to the state Dept. of Education and requires the dept. to provide the materials and information to school boards for <u>proposed law</u> purposes.

(Adds R.S. 17:436.5 and 3996(B)(82))