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.

1 AN ACT 2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:416.16(B) and (C) and 416.19(A) and to enact R.S. 3 17:416.16(D), relative to school safety; to provide relative to school crisis 4 management and response plans, including their preparation, content, rehearsal, 5 review, revision, and approval; to provide relative to the authority of public and 6 nonpublic schools to provide for school resource officers; to provide that such school 7 resource officers may be armed; to provide for rules and regulations; and to provide 8 for related matters. 9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana: 10 Section 1. R.S. 17:416.16(B) and (C) and 416.19(A) are hereby amended and 11 reenacted and R.S. 17:416.16(D) is hereby enacted to read as follows: 12 §416.16. School crisis management and response plans 13 14 B.(1) Each public school principal shall review the plan at least once 15 annually and shall revise it as necessary. In reviewing and revising the plan, the 16 principal shall consider and include, if appropriate, input from students enrolled in 17 the school and their parents, teachers at the school, other school employees, 18 community leaders, and local law enforcement, fire, public safety, and emergency 19 preparedness officials. Each school shall submit such plan in writing to its school 20 board for review and approval at least once annually, including upon each revision. 21 (2) Not later than January 1, 2002, each city, parish, and other local public 22 school board shall have approved a crisis management and response plan for each 23 public school under its jurisdiction.

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C. Each school crisis management and response plan shall be reviewed by the public school annually and revised as necessary. Any revised school plan shall be resubmitted to the school board for review and approval of the revisions. At least twice per school year, each public school shall conduct a safety drill to rehearse the components of its plan.

D. Each public school board shall adopt rules and regulations to provide for the implementation of the provisions of this Section.

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§416.19. School resource officers

A. Any city, parish, or other local public school system and any nonpublic school may make or enter into agreements with a local law enforcement agency to provide for school resource officers. Any city, parish, or other local public school system and any nonpublic school shall ensure that any school resource officer provided by a local law enforcement agency as provided in this Section is in compliance with the provisions of Subsection B of this Section. Each school resource officer may be armed with a firearm authorized by a law enforcement agency at all times while on duty as a school resource officer.

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