

2026 Louisiana Regular Legislative Session Summary

EDUCATIONAL ACTS



LOUISIANA ASSOCIATION OF PRINCIPALS

SB 450 — Act 901

School Threats and Physical Security Assessments

Louisiana enacted new requirements concerning the mandatory reporting of school threats and physical-security assessments for K–12 schools. The legislation is one of the most significant school-safety measures of the session.

Effective: August 1, 2026.



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HB 624 — Act 821

Emergency Operations Plans

The Legislature revised requirements relating to emergency operations plans at public schools.

Effective: August 1, 2026.



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HB 283 — Act 539

Assault and Battery Incidents at School

The law changes requirements concerning incidents of assault and battery involving students and school employees.

Effective: August 1, 2026.



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HB 256 — Act 631

Mandatory Reporting by School Employees

The act makes clear that school employees who fall within Louisiana's definition of a mandatory reporter are subject to existing mandatory-reporter laws, including applicable training and reporting requirements. The provisions also apply within the charter-school framework.



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SB 83 — Act 737

Human-Trafficking Prevention and Victim Services

The Legislature added requirements involving human-trafficking prevention training in public elementary and secondary schools and services for victims.



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HB 342 — Act 943

Special Education Due Process

In special-education due-process hearings involving the appropriateness of a student's current or proposed program or placement, the **local education agency now bears the burden of proof.**



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SB 64 — Act 237

Cameras in Self-Contained Special-Education Classrooms

The law modifies provisions governing video and audio recordings from cameras installed in self-contained special-education classrooms.

Effective: August 1, 2026.



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HB 352 — Act 944

Student Behavioral-Health Services

The Legislature enacted changes relating to behavioral-health services provided to public-school students.



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HB 316 — Act 964

Student Literacy

The Legislature made additional changes to Louisiana's student-literacy requirements.

Effective: August 1, 2026.



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SB 157 — Act 744

Paid Parental Leave for School Employees

Louisiana established paid parental-leave provisions for eligible school employees.

Effective: June 2, 2026.



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HB 196 — Act 625

Teacher Personal Leave

The act modifies Louisiana law concerning personal-leave days for teachers.

Effective: August 1, 2026.



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HB 42 — Act 781

Teachers' Retirement — Phased Retirement

The Legislature revised the phased-retirement program within the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana.

Effective: August 1, 2026.



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SB 376 — Act 100

Learn and Earn Act

Louisiana enacted the **Learn and Earn Act**, expanding the state's emphasis on secondary education connected to employment and workforce preparation.

Effective: May 11, 2026.



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Effective: May 11, 2026.



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SB 482 — Act 413

Career Coaches and Individualized Graduation Planning

The act provides for career coaches to assist public middle- and high-school students and their parents in developing individualized graduation plans.

Effective: August 1, 2026.



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SB 522 — Act 393

Career and Technical Charter Schools

Louisiana created provisions for approval of charter schools specializing in vocational and technical education designed around high-demand and high-wage workforce needs.

Effective: August 1, 2026.



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HB 363 — Act 545

Virtual-School Student Participation

Certain students enrolled in virtual schools are authorized to participate in activities offered by public schools.



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HB 1203 — Act 885

Parent-Driven Learning Microschools

Louisiana established protections and definitions for **parent-driven learning microschoools**, which are voluntary associations of parents educating children in nontraditional settings. The law limits certain restrictions on the use of homes or commercial establishments for these arrangements.



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SB 112 — Act 461

Released Time for Religious Education

Public-school boards may adopt policies allowing K–12 students, with parental consent, to be released during the school day for certain off-campus religious-education courses. The law contains requirements governing parental authorization and allows certain academic-credit arrangements.



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SB 346 — Act 496

Deepfakes Involving K–12 Students

Louisiana now prohibits students, faculty, administrators, and other school employees from intentionally using deepfake audio or visual material against a K–12 student to coerce, harass, intimidate, or maliciously distribute or sell the material.

The statute defines deepfakes while providing exceptions for certain satire, parody, commentary, newsworthy material, and clearly disclosed manipulated media.

Effective: August 1, 2026.

