SLS 18RS-531 ENGROSSED

2018 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 178

BY SENATOR WALSWORTH

STUDENTS. Allows students to wear bulletproof backpacks. (gov sig)

1	AN ACT
2	To enact R.S. 14:95.9(C)(8), relative to wearing or possessing body armor on school
3	property; to allow students to carry or wear a backpack with bullet resistant material;
4	and to provide for related matters.
5	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
6	Section 1. R.S. 14:95.9(C)(8) is hereby enacted to read as follows:
7	§95.9. Wearing or possessing body armor, by a student or nonstudent on school
8	property, at school-sponsored functions, or in firearm-free zones;
9	<u>exceptions</u>
10	* * *
11	C. The provisions of this Section shall not apply to:
12	* * *
13	(8) A student wearing, carrying, or possessing a backpack on school
14	property or a school bus that has bullet-resistant metal or other material
15	intended to provide protection from weapons or bodily injury.
16	Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
17	signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature

by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If

- 2 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
- 3 effective on the day following such approval.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Xavier I. Alexander.

DIGEST

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<u>Present law</u> prohibits the wearing or possessing of body armor on school property, at school-sponsored functions, or in firearm-free zones.

<u>Present law</u> provides exceptions for wearing body armor on school property, at school-sponsored functions, or in firearm-free zones.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and provides an exception for students to carry, wear, or possess bullet-resistant backpacks on school property or a school bus.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 14:95.9(C)(8))