

GREEN SHEET REDIGEST

HB 509

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(KEYWORD, SUMMARY, AND DIGEST as amended by Senate committee amendments)

**EDUCATION ACCOUNTABILITY: Requires public presentations of school improvement plans**

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DIGEST

Present law requires the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) to provide for a statewide system of accountability for schools and school districts based on student achievement and minimum standards for the approval of schools, including the creation of an honor roll recognizing all high-performing schools and high schools with graduation rates that exceed the state average. Proposed law retains present law except provides that high schools recognized by the honor roll shall be those with exemplary graduation rates as determined by BESE instead of those with graduation rates that exceed the state average.

Proposed law:

- (1) Requires the superintendent, school principal, other school leader, or his designee, of each school that is required by BESE to develop an academic improvement plan to, within sixty days of approval of the plan by the state Department of Education (DOE), make a presentation on the plan at a public meeting held at the applicable school. Further requires that notice of the meeting be provided to the parent or legal guardian of each student enrolled in the school at least one week prior to the meeting date.
- (2) Requires that the presentations include:
  - (a) The school and student performance data that caused DOE to identify the school as being in need of improvement.
  - (b) A detailed plan overview.
  - (c) Timelines for plan implementation and attainment of performance goals.
  - (d) Plan implications for students, families, and educators.
- (3) Requires presentation of an annual update until DOE no longer requires the school to have an academic improvement plan.
- (4) Requires DOE to annually publish a list of schools with such plans on its website.

(Amends R.S. 17:10.1(F)(3); adds R.S. 17:10.1(H))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Education to the original bill:

1. Instead of requiring a school board to make the presentation of the plan, require a school board to provide for the presentation of the plan by board members or other persons designated by the board.

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Instead of requiring city, parish, and other local public school boards to present plans relative to schools that DOE has identified as being in need of academic improvement, apply this requirement to the superintendent of each such school board as well as the superintendent of the special school district and the superintendent of each BESE-authorized charter school.
2. Provide that DOE's identification of schools in need of academic improvement shall be pursuant to rules adopted by BESE.
3. Provide that the plan shall be presented at a minimum of at least one public meeting rather than one public meeting.
4. Require local superintendents, instead of local boards, to present an annual update until DOE no longer identifies the school as being in need of academic improvement (not applicable to the superintendents of the special school district or BESE-authorized charter schools).

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Education to the reengrossed bill

1. Provides that the superintendent, school principal, or other school leader, or designee, present the improvement plan.