
DIGEST

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HB No. 821

Abstract: Requires BESE to require public school boards to allocate and report certain education funding in certain ways.

Present law provides generally for the duties, functions, and responsibilities of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE), which include the adoption of a minimum foundation program (MFP) and formula for the equitable allocation of minimum foundation funds to public school systems.

Proposed law additionally requires BESE, beginning with the 2010-11 school year, to require public school boards to do the following:

- (1) Expend funds generated by applying the weighted factors contained in such formula for at-risk students, career and technical education course units, special education students other than gifted and talented students, and gifted and talented students on personnel, professional services, instructional materials, equipment, and supplies that serve the needs of students who generate such funds.
- (2) Submit annually a written report to BESE on how these funds were expended. (Such information shall be published on the state Dept. of Education web site.)

Proposed law further requires BESE, beginning with the 2009-10 school year, to do the following:

- (1) Assist public school boards in making strategic fiscal decisions that promote improved student achievement.
- (2) Annually publish certain revenue and expenditure data on the state Dept. of Education web site.

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

(Adds R.S. 17:7(2)(f))