
DIGEST

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HB No. 495

Abstract: Exempts a school that meets specified criteria from being removed from the jurisdiction of the local school board and transferred to the Recovery School District.

Present law provides for the transfer to the Recovery School District (RSD), subject to approval by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE), of schools that have been labeled academically unacceptable for four consecutive years or failed schools for which the local school board has failed to present or implement an acceptable reconstitution plan under the school accountability program established pursuant to BESE policy. Further provides relative to the operation of a failed school by the RSD to bring the school to an acceptable level of performance, procedures for retaining jurisdiction of a transferred school by RSD, and options for parents in enrolling their children in a transferred school or other school. Requires BESE annually to report to the House and Senate education committees relative to the status of certain schools, including those transferred to RSD.

Proposed law retains present law but exempts a school from being removed from the jurisdiction of the local school board and transferred to RSD if the school meets all of the following criteria:

- (1) The school is a high school located in any parish having a population between 120,000 and 145,000 persons.
- (2) According to the *2007-2008 Louisiana School Directory* published by the state Dept. of Education, the total number of students enrolled in the school was 313.
- (3) In August 2008, the school received a label of "academically unacceptable" for the fourth consecutive year.
- (4) In February 2009, the school was approved by BESE to remain under the jurisdiction of and be operated by the local school board pursuant to a memorandum of understanding between the state Dept. of Education and the local school board.
- (5) The school had a school performance score of 22.4 in 2008.

Provides that proposed law shall be null, void, and of no effect on and after July 1, 2010.

Effective June 25, 2009.

(Amends R.S. 17:10.5(A)(1); Adds R.S. 17:10.5(F); Repeals R.S. 17:10.5(F))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Education to the original bill.

1. Adds that proposed law shall be null, void, and of no effect on and after July 1, 2010, unless reenacted or modified by the legislature prior to such date.

House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill.

1. Makes technical changes.