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DIGEST

Donahue (SB 298)

Proposed law requires State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to provide for the live audio and video broadcast, via the Internet, of the proceedings of all meetings of the board and standing committees appointed by the board as part of its operational structure and process.

Requires that the audio and video of the proceedings of all meetings so broadcast be recorded and maintained for a minimum of three years. Further requires that such recorded meetings be available to the public for viewing through a link clearly identified on the Internet home page of the Department of Education website.

Provides that the requirements of proposed law shall apply to all meetings of the board, and standing committees thereof, but shall not apply to executive sessions held in accordance with the Louisiana Open Meetings Law.

Provides that audio and video records created pursuant to proposed law shall not be construed in a manner to be the official record, or any part of the official record, of the proceedings of a meeting of the board or any standing committee thereof.

Provides that failure to fulfill the requirements of proposed law due to a technical problem beyond the board's control shall not be construed to be a violation of the provisions of proposed law.

Effective August 15, 2010.

(Adds R.S. 17:7.8)