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#### DIGEST

Present law and Article VIII, Section 13(B) of the La. Constitution require BESE to annually develop and adopt a formula to determine the cost of a minimum foundation program of education in all public elementary and secondary schools and to equitably allocate the funds to parish and city school systems.

Proposed law requires BESE, in fulfilling its responsibilities to provide a free and appropriate education to students with exceptional needs and to create additional educational options for such students, to consider all of the strengths and needs of special education students, other than gifted and talented students, and include the cost of providing the specifically designed instruction and support necessary to enable such students to reach their highest academic potential when developing and adopting the minimum foundation program and formula. Provides that proposed law will be applicable beginning with the 2012-2013 school year.

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

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