

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 655

BY REPRESENTATIVE NANCY LANDRY

SCHOOLS/CHOICE: Provides relative to the Student Scholarships for Educational Excellence Program

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:4013(2)(a) and (b), relative to the Student Scholarships for
3 Educational Excellence Program; to provide relative to students who are eligible to
4 participate in the program; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 17:4013(2)(a) and (b) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as
7 follows:

8 §4013. Definitions

9 As used in this Chapter, unless otherwise clearly indicated, the following
10 terms mean:

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12 (2) "Eligible student" means a student who resides in Louisiana, is a member
13 of a family with a total income that does not exceed two hundred fifty percent of the
14 current federal poverty guidelines as established by the federal office of management
15 and budget, and who meets any one of the following criteria:

16 (a) Is entering prekindergarten or kindergarten and has enrolled in the local
17 school system in which the public school he would have otherwise attended is
18 located or in a school under the jurisdiction of the Recovery School District. Each
19 local school system or the Recovery School District shall conduct its annual

1 kindergarten enrollment process and shall report such enrollment to the department
2 prior to the program enrollment process.

3 (b) Was enrolled in a public school in Louisiana on October first and on
4 February first of the most recent school year pursuant to the definition of student
5 membership established by the state board for purposes of the minimum foundation
6 program formula, ~~and such school received a letter grade of "C", "D", or "F" or any~~
7 ~~variation thereof, for the most recent year pursuant to the school and district~~
8 ~~accountability system.~~

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Revises the definition of "eligible student" for purposes of participation in the Student Scholarships for Educational Excellence Program.

Present law establishes the Student Scholarships for Educational Excellence Program and defines "eligible student" for purposes of program participation. Provides that to be eligible, a student shall reside in La., be a member of a family with a total income that does not exceed 250% of the current federal poverty guidelines, and meet any one of several criteria. Present law specifies these criteria, and proposed law revises them, as follows:

- (1) Is entering kindergarten and has enrolled in the local school system in which the public school he would have otherwise attended is located or in a school under the jurisdiction of the Recovery School District (RSD). Proposed law provides that to meet this criterion, a student shall be entering either kindergarten *or* prekindergarten.
- (2) Was enrolled in a public school in La. on Oct. 1st and on Feb. 1st of the most recent school year pursuant to the definition of student membership established by the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education for purposes of the minimum foundation program formula, and such school received a letter grade of "C", "D", or "F", or any variation thereof, for the most recent year pursuant to the school and district accountability system. Proposed law revises this criterion by removing the requirement that such school shall have received such letter grade for the most recent year and otherwise retains present law.
- (3) Received a scholarship pursuant to present law in the previous school year. Proposed law retains present law.

(Amends R.S. 17:4013(2)(a) and (b))