

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 977

BY REPRESENTATIVE EDMONDS

SCHOOLS/CHOICE: Provides relative to assessments administered to voucher recipients at participating nonpublic schools

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:4023, relative to the Student Scholarships for Educational  
3 Excellence Program; to allow for the administration of certain norm-referenced tests  
4 to scholarship recipients at participating nonpublic schools; and to provide for related  
5 matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 17:4023 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §4023. Testing

9 A participating nonpublic school shall ensure that scholarship recipients are  
10 administered all examinations required pursuant to the school and district  
11 accountability system at the prescribed grade levels or a nationally recognized,  
12 norm-referenced test approved by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary  
13 Education and that the results of such examinations are provided to parents or legal  
14 guardians.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Allows for the administration of nationally recognized, norm-referenced tests to voucher recipients at participating nonpublic schools.

Present law, relative to the Student Scholarships for Educational Excellence Program, requires that nonpublic schools participating in the program administer the exams required as part of the school and district accountability system to each voucher recipient enrolled in the school. Requires the nonpublic school to provide the results of such exams to the student's parent.

Proposed law permits the nonpublic school to administer a nationally recognized, norm-referenced test approved by the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education instead of the state required exams. Otherwise retains present law.

(Amends R.S. 17:4023)