

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 545

BY REPRESENTATIVE JAMES

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

EDUCATION ACCOUNTABILITY: Prohibits assignment of letter grades to schools or school districts or any other implementation of the school and district accountability system for a school year in which there is a declared natural disaster

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:10.1(C), relative to the school and district accountability
3 system; to prohibit assignment of letter grades to schools or school districts or any
4 other implementation of the school and district accountability system under certain
5 circumstances; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 17:10.1(C) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §10.1. School and district accountability system; purpose; responsibilities of state
9 board

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11 C. ~~The~~ Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section, neither the state
12 board nor the state Department of Education shall develop and adopt a policy to
13 invalidate student achievement growth data using a value-added assessment model
14 assign a letter grade to any school or school district or in any other way implement
15 any other provision of this Section for any school year in which there is a declared
16 natural disaster or catastrophe declared by the governor pursuant to R.S. 29:724. any
17 other unexpected event that results in the temporary closure of schools.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Prohibits assignment of letter grades to schools or school districts or any other implementation of the school and district accountability system for a school year in which there is a declared natural disaster.

Present law requires the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) to provide for a system of accountability for schools and school districts based, in part, on growth in student achievement using a value-added assessment model (VAM). Also requires the assignment of letter grades to schools and school districts.

Present law requires BESE to develop and adopt a policy to invalidate student achievement growth data using VAM for any school year in which there is a natural disaster or any other unexpected event that results in the temporary closure of schools.

Proposed law instead provides that notwithstanding present law, neither BESE nor the state Dept. of Education shall assign a letter grade to any school or school district or in any other way implement present law relative to the school and district accountability system for any school year in which there is a natural disaster or catastrophe declared by the governor.

(Amends R.S. 17:10.1(C))