

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

Act 555 (HB 509)

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Existing law requires the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) to provide for a statewide system of accountability for schools and school districts based on student achievement and minimum standards for the approval of schools, including the creation of an honor roll recognizing all high-performing schools and certain high schools. Prior law provided for the recognition of high schools with graduation rates exceeding the state average. New law instead provides for recognition of high schools with exemplary graduation rates as determined by BESE.

New law further provides the following:

- (1) Requires a superintendent, principal, or other school leader who is required to develop an academic improvement plan to present the plan during at least one public meeting held at the applicable school (with public notice given at least one week in advance).
- (2) Requires presentations to include:
 - (a) The school and student performance data that caused the state Dept. of Education (DOE) to identify the school as being in need of improvement.
 - (b) A detailed plan overview.
 - (c) Timelines for plan implementation and attainment of performance goals.
 - (d) Plan implications for students, families, and educators.
- (3) Requires presentation of annual updates until DOE no longer requires the school to have an academic improvement plan.
- (4) Requires DOE to annually publish a list of schools with such plans on its website.

Effective August 1, 2018.

(Amends R.S. 17:10.1(F)(3); Adds R.S. 17:10.1(H))