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SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

2024 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Senator Jackson-Andrews to Reengrossed Senate Bill No. 313 by Senator Edmonds

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1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 14, between lines 5 and 6, insert the following:

3 **"§4037.13. State content standards; state testing**

4 **A. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, a**  
5 **participating nonpublic school shall provide instruction in accordance with the**  
6 **state content standards promulgated by the state Board of Elementary and**  
7 **Secondary Education, but may utilize instructional material of their own**  
8 **choosing.**

9 **B. A participating nonpublic school shall ensure that participating**  
10 **students are administered all examinations required pursuant to the school and**  
11 **district accountability system at the prescribed grade level, including the end**  
12 **of course test that is administered to public school students. The results of the**  
13 **test shall be provided to the parent.**

14 **C. A scholarship cohort index that is calculated in a manner that is**  
15 **substantially similar to the school performance score outline in Bulletin 111, as**  
16 **promulgated by the state Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, shall**  
17 **be produced for each participating nonpublic school after the school year in**  
18 **which assessments are taken. The scholarship cohort index shall measure only**  
19 **the participating students who are enrolled in the nonpublic school.**

20 **D. The scholarship cohort index and the corresponding letter grade using**  
21 **the scale applicable to school performance scores for each participating**  
22 **nonpublic school shall be posted on the website maintained by the department**  
23 **and otherwise published in the same manner as the annual school performance**  
24 **score that is attributable to public schools.**

25 **E. If the participating nonpublic school receives a scholarship cohort**  
26 **index less than fifty on a scale of one hundred and fifty in the second year of**  
27 **participation or in any year thereafter, the school shall not enroll any additional**  
28 **participating students.**

29 **F. If a participating nonpublic school for three consecutive years receives**  
30 **a scholarship cohort index below fifty, the nonpublic school shall be ineligible**  
31 **to participate in the program in the subsequent year.**

32 **G. A participating nonpublic school shall perform all screeners and other**  
33 **testing mandated to be administered to any public school student, including but**  
34 **not limited to the literacy screener required in R.S. 17:24.9."**