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SB 507 Engrossed

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Present law (R.S. 17:10.1) provides for a school accountability system for public schools and school systems and requires the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) to develop and implement a uniform system to measure and report school and school district performance. Present law provides that public school systems be assigned performance scores based on multiple indicators, including student achievement, academic growth, graduation rates, and uses those scores to classify schools with a letter grade. Present law provides that schools are annually evaluated, and those identified as low-performing are subject to interventions and improvement requirements.

Proposed law requires BESE to establish a uniform and standardized process for traditional public school systems to determine and document when a student is nonenrolled due to incarceration or unknown whereabouts. Proposed law requires the process to include documented, reasonable, and good-faith efforts to locate and verify the student's enrollment status, and specify minimum documentation requirements, timelines, and verification procedures to ensure consistency and accuracy across school systems.

Proposed law provides that a student determined to be nonenrolled under this process shall not be counted as enrolled for purposes of state accountability systems as of the date of determination. Proposed law further provides that determinations must be consistent with federal law, including the Every Student Succeeds Act (20 U.S.C. 6301 et seq.).

Proposed law provides that the purpose of the law is to ensure consistent, verifiable procedures for identifying students who are considered no longer enrolled after documented efforts are made to locate them.

Proposed law requires BESE to promulgate rules, in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, to implement these provisions of proposed law.

Present law (17:3996) provides that charter schools are exempt from statutory mandates or requirements applicable to public schools except for certain laws listed in present law.

Proposed law retains present law and further provides that the process to determine nonenrollment due to incarceration or unknown whereabouts is applicable to charter schools.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Adds R.S. 17:13 and 3996(B)(92))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Education to the original bill

1. Makes technical changes.
2. Makes proposed law applicable to charter schools.