Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE BILL NO. 230

BY REPRESENTATIVE POPE

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

SCHOOLS/CHOICE: Provides relative to the definition of "eligible student" for participation in the Student Scholarships for Educational Excellence (voucher) Program

| 1 | AN ACT |
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| 2 | To amend and reenact R.S. 17:4013(2)(a), relative to the Student Scholarships for |
| 3 | Educational Excellence Program; to provide relative to program eligibility |
| 4 | requirements for students entering kindergarten; and to provide for related matters. |
| 5 | Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana: |
| 6 | Section 1. R.S. 17:4013(2)(a) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows: |
| 7 | §4013. Definitions |
| 8 | As used in this Chapter, unless otherwise clearly indicated, the following |
| 9 | terms mean: |
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| 11 | (2) "Eligible student" means a student who resides in Louisiana, is a member |
| 12 | of a family with a total income that does not exceed two hundred fifty percent of the |
| 13 | current federal poverty guidelines as established by the federal office of management |
| 14 | and budget, and who meets any one of the following criteria: |
| 15 | (a) Is entering kindergarten and has enrolled in the local school system in |
| 16 | which the public school he would have otherwise attended is located or has enrolled |
| 17 | in a school under the jurisdiction of the Recovery School District and the public |
| 18 | school he would have attended or the Recovery School District school he enrolled |
| 19 | in received a letter grade of "C", "D", or "F" or any variation thereof, for the most |

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| 1 | recent year pursuant to the school and district accountability system. Each local |
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| 2 | school system or and the Recovery School District shall conduct its annual |
| 3 | kindergarten enrollment process and shall report such enrollment to the department |
| 4 | prior to the scholarship program enrollment process. |
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DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires that for a student entering kindergarten to be eligible to participate in the voucher program, the public school he would have otherwise attended or the RSD school he enrolled in must have received a "C", "D", or "F" for the most recent school year under the school and district accountability system.

<u>Present law</u>, relative to the Student Scholarships for Educational Excellence Program, defines "eligible student" as a student who resides in La., is a member of a family with a total income that does not exceed 250% of the federal poverty guidelines and who meets any one of the following criteria:

- (1) Is entering kindergarten and has enrolled in the local school system in which the public school he would have otherwise attended is located or has enrolled in a school under the jurisdiction of the Recovery School District (RSD).
- (2) Was enrolled in a public school in La. the previous school year and such school received a letter grade of "C", "D", or "F" or any variation thereof, for the most recent year pursuant to the school and district accountability system.
- (3) Received a scholarship in the previous school year.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> except specifies that for a student entering kindergarten (criterion (1) above) to be eligible, the public school he would have attended or the RSD school he enrolled in shall have received a letter grade of "C", "D", or "F" or any variation thereof, for the most recent year pursuant to the school and district accountability system.

(Amends R.S. 17:4013(2)(a))