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HOUSE BILL NO. 509

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EDUCATION ACCOUNTABILITY: Requires school boards to make presentations at public meetings relative to plans for schools in need of academic improvement

AN ACT

2	To amend and reenact R.S. 17:10.1(F)(3) and to enact R.S. 17:10.1(H), relative to school
3	and district accountability; to provide relative to graduation rate criteria for
4	recognition of certain high-performing schools; to require school boards to present
5	plans relative to schools in need of academic improvement; to provide relative to
6	plan components and annual updates; to require the state Department of Education
7	to publish a list of schools with such plans; and to provide for related matters.
8	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
9	Section 1. R.S. 17:10.1(F)(3) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 17:10.1(H)
10	is hereby enacted to read as follows:
11	§10.1. School and district accountability system; purpose; responsibilities of state
12	board
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14	F. In addition to any other performance-related labels or designations
15	assigned to public schools and school districts pursuant to the school and district
16	accountability system, the state board, in consultation with parents, teachers, school
17	administrators, and other education stakeholders, shall develop a letter grade system
18	reflective of school and district performance that shall include but not necessarily be
19	limited to the following:
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1	(3) Creation of an honor roll which recognizes all high-performing schools
2	and high schools with exemplary graduation rates that exceed the state average as
3	determined by the state board, which shall also be made public when information
4	relative to school and district performance scores and letter grades are released.
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6	H.(1) Each city, parish, or other local school board shall present a plan
7	approved by the state Department of Education for addressing the needs of any
8	school under its oversight, including any locally authorized charter school, that the
9	department has identified as being in need of academic improvement. The school
10	board shall provide for the presentation of such plan by members of the board or
11	other persons designated by the board at a public meeting held at the applicable
12	school and shall post written public notice of the meeting at least one week in
13	advance. Such presentations shall include:
14	(a) The school and student performance data that caused the department to
15	identify the school as being in need of improvement.
16	(b) A detailed overview of the improvement plan.
17	(c) Timelines for implementation of the plan and attainment of performance
18	goals.
19	(d) Implications of the plan for students, families, and educators.
20	(2) The local school board shall present an annual update, in the manner
21	provided in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection, until such time as the department no
22	longer identifies the school as being in need of academic improvement.
23	(3) The department shall annually publish a list of schools with such plans
24	on its website.

## **DIGEST**

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**Abstract:** Requires school boards to provide for presentations at public meetings relative to plans for schools in need of academic improvement.

<u>Present law</u> 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 high schools with graduation rates that exceed the state average. <u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> except provides that high schools recognized by the honor roll shall be those with exemplary graduation rates as determined by BESE instead of those with graduation rates that exceed the state average.

## Proposed law further requires the following:

- (1) Requires school boards to present a plan approved by the state Dept. of Education (DOE) for addressing the needs of any school under its oversight, any including locally authorized charter school, that DOE has identified as being in need of academic improvement. Requires school board to provide for the presentation of the plan by board members or other persons designated by the board at a public meeting held at the applicable school (with public notice at least one week in advance) and annual updates until the school is no longer so identified.
- (2) Requires presentations to include:
  - (a) The school and student performance data that caused 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 DOE to annually publish a list of schools with such plans on its website.

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

## Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by <u>House Committee on Education</u> to the original bill:

1. Instead of requiring a school board to make the presentation of the plan, require a school board to provide for the presentation of the plan by board members or other persons designated by the board.