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HOUSE BILL NO. 670

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SCHOOLS/CHOICE: Provides relative to school choice

1	AN ACT
2	To amend and reenact R.S. 17:4035.1(A)(introductory paragraph) and (E)(1), relative to
3	public school choice; to require public school governing authorities to post on their
4	websites and report to the state Department of Education relative to their policies on
5	certain student transfers; and to provide for related matters.
6	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
7	Section 1. R.S. 17:4035.1(A)(introductory paragraph) and (E)(1) are hereby
8	amended and reenacted to read as follows:
9	§4035.1. Public School Choice
10	A. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, beginning with the
11	2014-2015 school year, the The parent or other legal guardian of any student may
12	enroll his child in the public school of his choice, without regard to residence, school
13	system geographic boundaries, or attendance zones, provided both of the following
14	apply:
15	* * *
16	E.(1) The governing authority of each public elementary and secondary
17	school shall work collaboratively and cooperatively to ensure compliance with the
18	provisions of this Section and shall adopt a policy to govern student transfers

authorized by this Section. Such policy shall be posted to the school governing

- authority's website no later than September 30, 2018, and reported to the state
- 2 Department of Education no later than December 31, 2018.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires public school governing authorities to post on their websites and report to the state Dept. of Education their policies relative to certain student transfers.

<u>Present law</u> allows parents to enroll children in the public school of their choice, without regard to residence, school system geographic boundaries, or attendance zones, provided both of the following apply:

- (1) The public school in which the student was most recently enrolled, or would otherwise attend, received a school performance letter grade of "D" or "F" for the most recent school year.
- (2) The school in which the student seeks to enroll received a school performance letter grade of "A", "B," or "C" for the most recent school year and has sufficient capacity at the appropriate grade level.

<u>Present law</u> requires each public school governing authority to adopt a policy to govern student transfers authorized by <u>present law</u>. <u>Proposed law</u> requires that such policy be posted to the school governing authority's website by Sept. 30, 2018, and reported to the state Dept. of Education by Dec. 31, 2018.

(Amends R.S. 17:4035.1(A)(intro. para.) and (E)(1))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

- 1. Add requirement that school governing authorities report policies required by <u>present law</u> to the state Dept. of Education by Dec. 31, 2018.
- 2. Remove provision basing what constitutes sufficient capacity on rules promulgated by the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education.