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HOUSE BILL NO. 324

BY REPRESENTATIVE LEGER

SCHOOLS/DISTRICTS: Establishes a systemwide needs program for the Orleans Parish school system

AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3995(A)(1)(b)(iii) and to enact R.S. 17:100.12, relative to the 3 Orleans Parish school district; to establish a systemwide needs program for the 4 school district; to provide relative to program purpose, funding, and operation; and 5 to provide for related matters. 6 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published 7 as provided by Article III, Section 13 of the Constitution of 8 Louisiana. 9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana: 10 Section 1. R.S. 17:3995(A)(1)(b)(iii) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 11 17:100.12 is hereby enacted to read as follows: 12 §100.12. Systemwide needs program 13 A.(1) There is hereby established for the Orleans Parish school district a 14 systemwide needs program. The program shall be funded, structured, and operated 15 as provided in this Section and polices adopted by the school board. 16 (2) The purpose of the program is to direct initiatives that will result in 17 districtwide improvements in areas that cannot be addressed efficiently or effectively at the school level. Such initiatives may include teacher recruitment, teacher 18 19 preparation, professional development shared among schools, and non-recurring 20 costs related to improving instructional materials and the use of such materials.

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B. The school district shall create a special fund for the purpose of
dedicating money to the program. The district shall annually deposit into the fund
one hundred twenty dollars per student in the district less the district's expenditures
that year for costs identified in RS 17:1990(C)(2)(a)(iii)(aa)(I) through (IV).
Expenditures may be made from the fund by the district superintendent only to
implement a plan for improvement in one or more particular areas of focus as
provided in this Section.
C. The superintendent shall:
(1) Develop and propose plans for improvement in particular areas of focus.
The superintendent shall develop such plans in collaboration with school leaders in
the school district as more specifically provided by school board policy.
(2) Include related performance objectives and a proposed level of funding
in any plan for improvement in an area of focus.
(3) Submit such plans to the school board for approval. The superintendent
shall demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the school board, that an area of focus will
impact at least fifty percent of the public school students or fifty percent of the public
schools over the course of the funding cycle for the area of focus.
(4) Consider how the expenditures from the fund could be coordinated with
other funds in order to increase the effectiveness of the program.
(5) Annually report to the school board on the performance objectives and
the expenditure of funds for the program.
D. The school board may approve a plan and appropriate expenditures from
the fund therefor. An approved area of focus shall be funded for a period of not less
than three years based on cost estimates developed by the superintendent.
E.(1) The superintendent shall implement an approved plan by awarding
funds through a competitive process. Funds may be awarded to:
(a) A school for the purpose of procuring materials or services from district-
approved organizations or vendors.

1	(b) An organization or vendor that either provides services directly to
2	schools, educators, or students or coordinates support by providing subgrants to
3	schools or contracting with organizations to provide goods or services to schools,
4	educators, or students, or any combination thereof.
5	(2) An applicant for funds shall demonstrate how the proposed good or
6	service will contribute to the achievement of the goals and objectives of the approved
7	plan.
8	(3) An applicant for funds shall demonstrate that at least twenty-five percent
9	of the funds it will expend to achieve its proposal are from sources other than this
10	program.
11	(4) Funding applications shall be approved according to school board policy.
12	No expenditure shall be made from the fund except as provided in this Subsection.
13	No expenditure of funds shall be made in excess of the amount approved by the
14	school board for a particular area of focus.
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3 (iii) For the purposes of this Subparagraph, local revenues of the Orleans
4 Parish School Board also shall exclude the amounts set forth in R.S.
5 17:1990(C)(2)(a)(iii) until such provisions relative to the specified amounts expire
6 amount deposited into the fund created by R.S. 17:100.12(B).
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## **DIGEST**

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**Abstract:** Establishes a systemwide needs program for the Orleans Parish school system.

<u>Proposed law</u> establishes a systemwide needs program for the Orleans Parish school district to direct initiatives that will result in districtwide improvements in areas that cannot be addressed efficiently or effectively at the school level.

Requires the school district to create a special fund to dedicate money to the program. Provides for the annual deposit into the fund of \$120 per student in the district less the district's expenditures that year for costs identified in <u>present law</u> (relative to certain legacy expenses). Limits expenditures from the fund by the district superintendent only to implement a plan for improvement in one or more particular areas of focus. Requires the district superintendent to submit such plans to the school board for approval.

Provides that funds to implement plans approved by the school board shall be awarded, through a competitive process, to schools to procure materials or services from district-approved organizations or vendors and to organizations or vendors that either provide services directly to schools, educators, or students or coordinate support by providing subgrants to schools or contracting with organizations to provide goods or services to schools, educators, or students, or any combination thereof.

Provides that funding applications shall be approved according to school board policy. Prohibits expenditures from the fund except as provided in <u>proposed law</u>. Prohibits expenditures from the fund in excess of the amount approved by the school board for a particular area of focus.

(Amends R.S. 17:3995(A)(1)(b)(iii); Adds R.S. 17:100.12)