

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 482

BY REPRESENTATIVE GARY CARTER

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

EDUCATION ACCOUNTABILITY: Provides relative to the development and presentation of school academic improvement plans

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:10.1(I)(1), to enact R.S. 17:10.1(I)(5), and to repeal R.S.  
3 17:10.1(I)(5), relative to school accountability; to provide relative to the  
4 development and presentation of academic improvement plans; to require schools  
5 to consult with parents relative to plan development; to revise the annual deadline  
6 for plan presentation; to require each local superintendent to report the presentation  
7 date annually to the state Department of Education; to require the state Department  
8 of Education to report to the legislature relative to school compliance with plan  
9 requirements; and to provide for related matters.

10 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

11 Section 1. R.S. 17:10.1(I)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 17:10.1(I)(5)  
12 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

13 §10.1. School and district accountability system; purpose; responsibilities of state  
14 board

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16 I.(1) Each public school that is required, pursuant to rules adopted by the  
17 state board, to develop an academic improvement plan shall consult with parents of  
18 children enrolled in the school in the development of the plan. The superintendent,  
19 school principal, or other school leader, or his designee, of such a public school that  
20 is required pursuant to rules adopted by the state board to develop an academic

1 ~~improvement plan shall, within sixty days of approval of such plan by the state~~  
 2 ~~Department of Education, make a presentation on the approved plan during at least~~  
 3 ~~one public meeting held at the applicable school within sixty days of the beginning~~  
 4 ~~of the school year if the plan has been approved by the state Department of~~  
 5 ~~Education or, if the school year begins without approval, within sixty days of~~  
 6 ~~approval. Notice of the meeting shall be provided to the parent or legal guardian of~~  
 7 ~~each student enrolled in the school at least one week prior to the date of the meeting.~~  
 8 ~~The superintendent or his designee shall report the presentation date to the state~~  
 9 ~~Department of Education not later than December first annually.~~

\* \* \*

11 ~~(5) The state Department of Education shall submit a report to the House~~  
 12 ~~Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education that summarizes~~  
 13 ~~school compliance with the requirements of this Subsection not later than March first~~  
 14 ~~of 2020, 2021, and 2022.~~

15 Section 2. R.S. 17:10.1(I)(5) is hereby repealed in its entirety.

16 Section 3. Section 1 and this Section of this Act shall become effective on August  
 17 1, 2019. Section 2 of this Act shall become effective on March 1, 2022.

DIGEST

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HB 482 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Relative to academic improvement plans, requires schools to involve parents in plan development, changes time frame for annual plan presentation, and adds reporting requirements for local superintendents and the state Dept. of Education.

Present law requires a superintendent, principal, or other leader of a public school required to develop an academic improvement plan to publicly present, within 60 days of approval by the state Dept. of Education (DOE), the approved plan. Proposed law:

- (1) Requires that the plan be presented within 60 days of the beginning of the school year if DOE has approved the plan or, if the school year begins without approval, within 60 days of approval.
- (2) Requires that such schools involve parents in plan development.

- (3) Requires each local superintendent to report the presentation date to DOE not later than Dec. 1st annually.
- (4) Requires DOE to report to the House and Senate education committees relative to school compliance with plan requirements by March 1st of 2020, 2021, and 2022.

(Amends R.S. 17:10.1(I)(1); Adds R.S. 17:10.1(I)(5); Repeals R.S. 17:10.1(I)(5))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Education to the original bill:

- 1. Revise time frame for plan presentation from within 30 days of beginning of school year to within 60 days of beginning of school year and, if school year begins without plan approval, from within 30 days of approval to within 60 days of approval.