

ACT No. 445

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HOUSE BILL NO. 62

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article VII, Section 10.8(C)(3)(b), (c), and (g) of the Constitution of Louisiana and to repeal Article VII, Section 10.8(C)(3)(d) of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to the Education Excellence Fund; to provide for appropriations from the Education Excellence Fund for the Louisiana Educational Television Authority, Thrive Academy, and laboratory schools operated by public postsecondary education institutions; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide for related matters.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to amend Article VII, Section 10.8(C)(3)(b), (c), and (g) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

§10.8. Millennium Trust

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(C) Appropriations.

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(3) Appropriations from the Education Excellence Fund shall be limited as follows:

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1 (b) Appropriations shall be made each year to the Louisiana Educational
 2 Television Authority in the amount of seventy-five thousand dollars and to the
 3 Louisiana School for the Deaf, the Louisiana School for the Visually Impaired, the
 4 Louisiana Special Education Center in Alexandria, the Jimmy D. Long, Sr. Louisiana
 5 School for Math, Science, and the Arts, the New Orleans Center for Creative Arts,
 6 ~~and the Louis Armstrong High School for the Arts, and Thrive Academy,~~ after such
 7 schools are operational, to provide for a payment to each school of seventy-five
 8 thousand dollars plus an allocation for each pupil equal to the average statewide per
 9 pupil amount provided each city, parish, and local school system pursuant to
 10 ~~Subsubparagraphs (d) and~~ Subsubparagraph (e) of this Subparagraph.

11 (c) Appropriations may be made for independent public schools ~~which have~~
 12 ~~been~~ approved by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education or any
 13 city, parish, or other local school system, laboratory schools approved by the State
 14 Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and operated by a public
 15 postsecondary education institution, and for alternative schools and programs which
 16 are authorized and approved by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary
 17 Education but are not subject to the jurisdiction and management of any city, parish,
 18 or local school system; to provide for an allocation for each pupil, which shall be the
 19 average statewide per pupil amount provided in each city, parish, or local school
 20 system pursuant to ~~Subsubparagraphs (d) and~~ Subsubparagraph (e) of this
 21 Subparagraph.

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23 (g) Each recipient ~~school or school system~~ entity shall annually prepare and
 24 submit to the state Department of Education, hereinafter the "department", a
 25 prioritized plan for expenditure of funds it expects to receive in the coming year
 26 from the Education Excellence Fund. The plan shall include performance
 27 expectations to ensure accountability in the expenditure of such monies. The
 28 department shall review such plans for compliance with the requirements of this
 29 Subparagraph and to assure that the expenditure plans will support excellence in
 30 educational practice. No funds may be distributed to ~~any school or school system~~

1 a recipient entity until its plan has received both legislative and departmental
2 approval as provided by law.

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4 Section 2. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members
5 elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state of
6 Louisiana, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to repeal
7 Article VII, Section 10.8(C)(3)(d) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

8 Section 3. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted
9 to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on October 12,
10 2019.

11 Section 4. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at the election,
12 there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted
13 to vote YES or NO, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall read as
14 follows:

15 Do you support an amendment to provide for appropriations from the
16 Education Excellence Fund for the Louisiana Educational Television
17 Authority, Thrive Academy, and laboratory schools operated by public
18 postsecondary education institutions? (Amends Article VII, Section
19 10.8(C)(3)(b), (c), and (g); Repeals Article VII, Section 10.8(C)(3)(d))

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE