

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

2022 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Education to Original Senate Bill No. 203 by Senator Hewitt

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 2, after "To" and before "enact" insert "amend and reenact R.S. 17:236(A)
3 and to"

4 AMENDMENT NO. 2

5 On page 1, line 11, after "Section 1." insert "R.S. 17:236(A) is hereby amended and
6 reenacted and"

7 AMENDMENT NO. 3

8 On page 1, between lines 12 and 13, insert the following:

9 §236. Definition of a school

10 A. For the purposes of this Chapter, a school is defined as an institution for
11 the teaching of children, consisting of an adequate physical plant, whether owned or
12 leased, instructional staff members, and students. For such an institution to be
13 classified as a school, within the meaning of this Chapter, instructional staff
14 members shall meet the following requirements: if a public day school or a
15 nonpublic school which receives local, state, or federal funds or support, directly or
16 indirectly, they shall be certified in accordance with rules established by the State
17 Board of Elementary and Secondary Education; if a nonpublic school which receives
18 no local, state, or federal funds or support, directly or indirectly, they shall meet such
19 requirements as may be prescribed by the school or the church. In addition, except
20 as otherwise provided in Subsection B of this Section, any such institution, to be
21 classified as a school, shall operate a minimum session of not less than one hundred
22 eighty days. Solely for purposes of compulsory attendance in a nonpublic school,
23 a child who participates in a home study program approved by the State Board of
24 Elementary and Secondary Education shall be considered in attendance at a day
25 school; a home study program shall be approved if it offers a sustained curriculum
26 of a quality at least equal to that offered by public schools at the same grade level.
27 **Solely for purposes of compulsory attendance in a nonpublic school, a child**
28 **shall be considered in attendance at a day school if the child is eligible to**
29 **participate in the Reading Education Savings Account Program pursuant to**
30 **R.S. 17:4037.4 and the child's parent has signed an agreement pursuant to R.S.**
31 **17:4037.4(A)(3).**

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33 AMENDMENT NO. 4

34 On page 2, delete lines 19 and 20, and insert the following:

35 **"(b) Instructional or tutoring services."**

36 AMENDMENT NO. 5

37 On page 2, delete lines 25 and 26, on line 27, change "**(11)**" to "**(10)**", and on page 3, line 1,
38 change "**(12)**" to "**(11)**"

39 AMENDMENT NO. 6

40 On page 3, delete line 7, and insert the following:

1 **"B. The department shall administer the program, and shall be authorized to**
2 **withhold up to five percent of funds allocated to each account annually for the purposes**
3 **of program administration.**

4 **C. The state board"**

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6 AMENDMENT NO. 7

7 On page 3, line 18, change "**nonprofit organization**" to "**vendor**"

8 AMENDMENT NO. 8

9 On page 3, between lines 19 and 20, insert the following:

10 **"(c) Contract with a vendor to manage the payment system provided for in R.S.**
11 **17:4073.3(A)(2).**

12 **(4) Enrollment of participating students no later than the 2023-2024 school**
13 **year."**

14 AMENDMENT NO. 9

15 On page 3, at the end of line 25, insert the following:

16 **"The amount allocated to an account shall be appropriately prorated if a student**
17 **transfers into the program after the beginning of a school year."**

18 AMENDMENT NO. 10

19 On page 3, delete lines 28 and 29, and insert the following:

20 **"house transfer, or another method."**

21 AMENDMENT NO. 11

22 On page 4, delete lines 12 through 17, and insert the following:

23 **"A student is initially eligible for an account if he is currently enrolled in or**
24 **completed, during the prior school year, the second or third grade at a Louisiana**
25 **public school and meets all of the following:"**

26 AMENDMENT NO. 12

27 On page 4, line 20, change "**current school year**" to "**second or third grade**"

28 AMENDMENT NO. 13

29 On page 5, line 9, between "**in**" and "**the**" insert "**any education savings account program**
30 **provided in this Title and"**

31 AMENDMENT NO. 14

32 On page 7, line 21, before the period "." insert the following:

33 **", including the performance in reading as compared to state and national**
34 **norms provided for the test."**

35 AMENDMENT NO. 15

36 On page 7, between lines 24 and 25, insert the following:

37 **"(7) The results of a parental satisfaction survey.**

1 **(8) The amount withheld by the department for administration of the program,**
2 **including the amount retained by the department, the amount paid to vendors for the**
3 **administration of the program and the amount paid to vendors for managing the**
4 **payment system."**