

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 191

BY REPRESENTATIVE MAGEE

EDUCATION ACCOUNTABILITY: Directs the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to revise policies relative to the accountability system for schools participating in the Student Scholarships for Educational Excellence Program

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To direct the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to revise the  
3 accountability system for schools participating in the Student Scholarships for  
4 Educational Excellence Program and submit a written report to the House Committee  
5 on Education detailing its revision process not later than sixty days prior to the  
6 convening of the 2023 Regular Session of the Legislature.

7 WHEREAS, the Student Scholarship for Educational Excellence Program provides  
8 opportunities for students to attend participating schools through state-funded scholarships;  
9 and

10 WHEREAS, the legislature has long demonstrated its commitment to education  
11 accountability, and this program is no exception; current law requires the state Department  
12 of Education to provide an accountability system for this program, and that system is  
13 contained in the rules and regulations of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary  
14 Education; and

15 WHEREAS, this accountability system includes the assignment of a scholarship  
16 cohort index, which is similar to a school performance score except that it is calculated  
17 solely on the performance of scholarship recipients on state assessments rather than the  
18 student population as a whole; and

1           WHEREAS, not all schools participating in the program receive such an index; only  
2 schools with ten or more scholarship recipients per grade or forty or more students enrolled  
3 in tested grades receive this measurement; and

4           WHEREAS, some education stakeholders have expressed concern that the threshold  
5 for determining whether or not a school receives a scholarship cohort index should be based  
6 on a uniform percentage of students applicable to all participating schools rather than an  
7 arbitrary number (forty) that is applied to all participating schools regardless of the size of  
8 the scholarship cohort or the student population as a whole; and

9           WHEREAS, current law authorizes the state superintendent of education to make  
10 adjustments to individual numeric performance targets and thresholds in the program's  
11 accountability system pursuant rules and regulations.

12           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
13 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby direct the State Board of Elementary and Secondary  
14 Education to revise the accountability system for schools participating in the Student  
15 Scholarships for Educational Excellence Program as contained in Section 1305 of Chapter  
16 13 of Bulletin 113.

17           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such revision shall provide for the reporting of  
18 the academic performance of participating students in a manner that preserves the  
19 measurement of student performance for accountability purposes but does so in a more  
20 equitable manner for participating schools while continuing to protect student  
21 confidentiality.

22           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Board of Elementary and Secondary  
23 Education shall submit a written report to the House Committee on Education detailing its  
24 revision process, including but not limited to any meetings held with respect thereto, not  
25 later than sixty days prior to the convening of the 2023 Regular Session of the Legislature.

26           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
27 president of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and the state  
28 superintendent of education.

DIGEST

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