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**SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

2024 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Finance to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 313  
by Senator Edmonds

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1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 2, change "R.S. 17:236(A)" to "R.S. 17:236" and delete the remainder of the  
3 line

4 AMENDMENT NO. 2

5 On page 1, line 3, delete "R.S. 17:3996(B)(82),"

6 AMENDMENT NO. 3

7 On page 1, line 4, change "4037.11," to "4037.4," and delete the remainder of the line

8 AMENDMENT NO. 4

9 On page 1, delete line 5

10 AMENDMENT NO. 5

11 On page 1, line 6, after "choice;" delete the remainder of the line and insert "to authorize the  
12 development of the"

13 AMENDMENT NO. 6

14 On page 1, line 8, change "provides" to "to provide"

15 AMENDMENT NO. 7

16 On page 1, delete lines 9 through 17, and insert the following:

17 "to support parental choice for educational opportunities; to provide for legislative  
18 intent; to provide for definitions; to require the Department of Education in  
19 coordination with the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to  
20 conduct a survey on educational resources; to authorize the State Board of  
21 Elementary and Secondary Education to develop the program and promulgate rules;  
22 to provide relative to funding for the program; and to provide for related matters."

23 AMENDMENT NO. 8

24 On page 2, delete lines 1 through 3

25 AMENDMENT NO. 9

26 On page 2, line 5, change "R.S. 17:236(A)" to "R.S. 17:236 is" and delete the remainder of  
27 the line

28 AMENDMENT NO. 10

29 On page 2, line 6, delete "R.S. 17:3996(B)(82),"

30 AMENDMENT NO. 11

31 On page 2, line 7, change "4037.11," to "4037.4," and delete the remainder of the line

1 AMENDMENT NO. 12

2 On page 2, line 8, delete "17:5029(F) are" and insert "is"

3 AMENDMENT NO. 13

4 On page 3, delete lines 28 and 29

5 AMENDMENT NO. 14

6 On page 4, delete lines 1 through 20

7 AMENDMENT NO. 15

8 On page 4, between lines 27 and 28, insert the following:

9 **"A. To recognize that Article VIII, Section 1 of the Constitution of**  
10 **Louisiana requires that "(t)he legislature shall provide for the educational of**  
11 **the people of the state and shall establish and maintain a public education**  
12 **system." The public educational system is established to ensure that every**  
13 **person is afforded an equal educational opportunity and prohibits the use of**  
14 **state dollars in a manner that would have the effect of discriminating in**  
15 **providing equal educational opportunities for all students. The legislature**  
16 **further recognizes the importance of parental choice in providing an education**  
17 **choice for their children, as well as the necessity that all students have access to**  
18 **quality educational opportunities."**

19 AMENDMENT NO. 16

20 On page 4, line 28, change "A." to "B."

21 AMENDMENT NO. 17

22 On page 5, line 4, change "B." to "C."

23 AMENDMENT NO. 18

24 On page 5, delete lines 13 through 17

25 AMENDMENT NO. 19

26 On page 5, at the beginning of line 18, change "(3)" to "(1)"

27 AMENDMENT NO. 20

28 On page 5, delete lines 19 through 25 and insert the following:

29 **"(2) "Program" means the Louisiana Giving All True Opportunity to**  
30 **Rise (LA GATOR) Scholarship program authorized in this Chapter."**

31 AMENDMENT NO. 21

32 On page 5, delete lines 26 through 29

33 AMENDMENT NO. 22

34 On page 6, delete lines 1 through 29

35 AMENDMENT NO. 23

36 On page 7, delete lines 1 through 6

1 AMENDMENT NO. 24

2 On page 7, line 7, change "(12)" to "(3)"

3 AMENDMENT NO. 25

4 On page 7, line 9, change "creation" to "development"

5 AMENDMENT NO. 26

6 On page 7, line 11, after "rules" insert "; survey and reporting requirements"

7 AMENDMENT NO. 27

8 On page 7, delete lines 12 through 29 and delete pages 8 through 17 and insert the following:

9 "A. In order to assist the legislature in evaluating the effectiveness of  
10 existing educational resources and determining the most efficient and effective  
11 allocation of funding to maximize educational opportunities for all students, the  
12 Department of Education, in coordination with the State Board of Elementary  
13 and Secondary Education, shall conduct a statewide survey of all existing  
14 educational resources available within the state that are receiving state funding  
15 and their inputs and outcomes and report its findings to the legislature no later  
16 than December 1, 2024. The survey shall be categorized by parish, school grade,  
17 and disaggregated by public schools approved pursuant to R.S. 17:10, public  
18 charter schools approved pursuant to Chapter 42 of this Title, and nonpublic  
19 schools approved pursuant to R.S. 17:11 and shall include, to the extent  
20 possible, the following:

21 (1) The number of available seats for the 2024-2025 school year.

22 (2) The number of students enrolled for the 2024-2025 school year and  
23 the percentage of students who are economically disadvantaged.

24 (3) The number of state board approved schools and the 2023-2024  
25 school year performance score and the letter grade of each school for which the  
26 statewide system of accountability is applicable.

27 (4) The number of schools labeled as "Urgent Intervention Needed",  
28 "Urgent Intervention Required", or "Comprehensive Intervention Required"  
29 for the 2023-2024 school year.

30 (5) The number of students who were enrolled in a "C", "D", or "F"  
31 rated school for the 2023-2024 school year.

32 (6) The number of students for the 2023-2024 school year whose family  
33 income did not exceed two hundred and fifty percent of the current federal  
34 poverty guidelines as established by the federal office of management and  
35 budget.

36 (7) The number of students who participated in the School Scholarships  
37 for Education Excellence program for the 2023-2024 school year.

38 (8) All schools that participated in the School Scholarships for Education  
39 Excellence program for the 2023-2024 school year, the number of students who  
40 participated in the program for each participating school, the number of  
41 program seats that were available for each participating school, and the  
42 aggregate test result data for participating students for each participating  
43 school.

44 (9) The number of students for the 2023-2024 school year whose family  
45 income did not exceed four hundred percent of the current federal poverty  
46 guidelines as established by the federal office of management and budget.

47 (10) The number of schools subject to a school, district, or statewide  
48 system of accountability that earned a "C", "D", or "F" for the 2023-2024  
49 school year.

50 (11) The metrics, weight assigned to each metric, and point system used  
51 in determining the performance score and letter grade for the school, district,  
52 and statewide system of accountability.

1           **(12) The percentage of teachers and administrators for the 2022-2023**  
2 **and 2023-2024 school year for which an evaluation was conducted pursuant to**  
3 **R.S. 17:3902 or R.S. 17:3997(D).**

4           **(13) The methodology, metrics, and weight of each that are utilized as**  
5 **evidence of growth in student achievement.**

6           **(14) The student characteristics and methodology utilized to determine**  
7 **typical outcomes of comparable students for purposes of assigning each student**  
8 **an expected score to be compared to the student’s actual score on state**  
9 **assessments in determining the student’s growth result.**

10           **(15) The percentage of students who demonstrated a positive growth**  
11 **result between the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 school years.**

12           **(16) The percentage of students who demonstrated a negative growth**  
13 **result between the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 school years.**

14           **B.(1) The state board is authorized to develop an education savings**  
15 **account program, as provided by this Chapter, utilizing the findings required**  
16 **by Subsection A of this Section to support parental choice for educational**  
17 **opportunities, with a focus on using limited resources in the most strategic and**  
18 **equitable way possible to increase and support student achievement.**

19           **(2) Upon approval of the program by the favorable vote of a majority of**  
20 **the state board, the state board is authorized to promulgate rules necessary to**  
21 **implement the program.**

22           **(3) In the event that the state board develops the education savings**  
23 **account program, the state board shall make recommendations to the**  
24 **legislature for an orderly and efficient transition of participating students from**  
25 **the Student Scholarships for Educational Excellence Program to the education**  
26 **savings account program. The recommendations shall include necessary**  
27 **statutory changes to accomplish the transition.**

28           **C. The department and the state board may use available public funds**  
29 **to perform the duties provided for in this Chapter. However, the**  
30 **implementation of an education savings account program approved by the state**  
31 **board pursuant to this Chapter shall be subject to a specific appropriation of**  
32 **funds by the legislature each year for this purpose.**

33           Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor  
34 or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law  
35 without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the  
36 Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by  
37 the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval."