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## DIGEST

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Edwards

HB No. 78

**Abstract:** Changes, with respect to auditing, the conditions that must be met for a school system to no longer be defined as academically in crisis.

Present law, when a school system is academically in crisis, requires the school board to select and contract with an independent licensed CPA to conduct an audit of the system's finances and financial practices and requires that the audit report be submitted to the local board, local superintendent, and legislative auditor. Further provides that if found to be academically in crisis, the system shall remain so until the following conditions are met:

- (1) The academic performance of the students has improved sufficiently to improve the school performance sufficiently that the system is no longer defined as academically in crisis; and
- (2) All audit findings are corrected.

Proposed law retains present law except deletes the condition described in (2) above and replaces it with the following condition:

- (2) The system has an unqualified audit opinion, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, on the annual independent audit report that is required by present law.

(Amends R.S. 17:10.6(G))