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DIGEST

Present law (R.S. 17:10.5(C) and 10.7(C):

Provide that the Recovery School District (RSD) shall retain jurisdiction of any school transferred to it for not less than five school years (not including the school year of the transfer, if applicable).

Require the RSD to report to BESE at least nine months prior to the expiration of the transfer period. Provides that the report include a recommendation as to whether a school should continue in the RSD under certain conditions, close, or be returned to the transferring system with stipulations and conditions for the return.

Require BESE to take action on such recommendations not later than six months prior to the expiration of each transfer period.

With respect to schools transferred to the RSD pursuant to R. S. 17:10.7, present law additionally provides as follows:

Authorizes BESE to continue any school in the RSD for additional 5-year periods by a majority vote of its membership.

Requires BESE to conduct a public hearing within the jurisdiction of school board from which a school was transferred at least six months prior to the expiration of the initial or subsequent transfer period.

Proposed law provides that notwithstanding any provision of present law, when a school transferred to the RSD is no longer deemed academically unacceptable, BESE shall require the administering agency of the RSD to seek agreement for the immediate return of the school to the administration and management of the transferring school system.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 17:10.5(F) and 10.7(E))