

Prior law required the state superintendent of education to make an annual report to BESE, the governor, and the legislature on the condition and progress of and improvements needed in public elementary and secondary schools. Requires that the report contain:

1. A complete financial report on the receipts and expenditures of the department and schools.
2. Data concerning faculty, enrollment, graduates, courses of study, and any other information required to show the condition, progress, and needs of schools.
3. An abstract of the reports of the parish superintendents to the state superintendent, and other facts and statistics of interest to public schools.
4. Other information necessary for purposes of prior law.

Prior law required the state superintendent to have copies of the report printed for distribution to BESE, the governor, the legislature, state officials, parish school boards, libraries, and the superintendents of schools of other states and territories.

New law retains prior law and adds the requirement that the report be submitted to the specified recipients not later than March 15th of each year. Changes the term "parish" as it relates to school boards and superintendents to the more inclusive term "city, parish, and other local public".

Prior law (R.S. 42:1124.2) provided that each of the following persons, except a person who is required to file a financial statement pursuant to R.S. 42:1124, "Tier 1", must annually file a financial statement with the Board of Ethics as provided in prior law relative to "Tier 2" reporting requirements:

- (1) Each member of the legislature.
- (2) Each person holding a public office who represents a voting district with a population of 5,000 or more persons.
- (3) Each member of the Board of Ethics and the ethics administrator.
- (4) Each member of the BESE.

New law retains prior law and additionally provides that the superintendent of the Recovery School District must also file the "Tier 2" financial disclosure report required by existing law.

Effective August 15, 2011.

(Amends R.S. 17:22(7); adds R.S. 42:1124.2(A)(5))