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## DIGEST

Claitor (SB 726)

Proposed law provides with respect to the formula annually approved by BESE to determine the cost of the minimum foundation program of education in all public elementary and secondary schools and to equitably allocate the funds to parish and city school systems pursuant to Article VIII, Section 13(B) of the La. Constitution as follows:

1. Specifies that legislative approval of the MFP formula shall be granted by means of a concurrent resolution which may originate in either the Senate or the House of Representatives.
2. Provides that the concurrent resolution introduced as a means to grant legislative approval of the MFP formula must conform to the following:
  - (a) All introductory and closing language contained within the concurrent resolution shall be drafted at the direction and discretion of the author.
  - (b) Specifies that the portion of the concurrent resolution containing the minimum foundation program formula shall be incorporated into the resolution, verbatim, as approved by BESE and submitted to the legislature.
  - (c) Provides that the MFP formula annually submitted to the legislature shall not contain language that is not integral to the actual mathematical computations necessary to determine the cost of the MFP and the equitable allocation of the funds to parish and city school systems as required by the state constitution.
  - (d) Provides that the MFP formula shall not contain opinion, policy statements, or directives to DOE, or any other entity, that do not bear directly upon the actual mathematical computations and allocation of funds within the formula and shall not prospectively create, provide funding for, or make reference to any program or initiative that will not be implemented or operative in the fiscal year for which the formula is designated to apply.
  - (e) Provides that a MFP formula submitted by BESE to the legislature that does not conform to the requirements of proposed law shall be returned to the board for reconsideration and resubmission to the legislature for approval.

Effective August 1, 2012.

(Adds R.S. 17:19)