

Existing law establishes and provides for the School Choice Pilot Program for Certain Students with Exceptionalities in parishes with a population in excess of 190,000 (Caddo, Calcasieu, East Baton Rouge, Jefferson, Lafayette, Orleans, and St. Tammany). The program provides for payment of tuition at nonpublic schools by the state Dept. of Education. Provides for program implementation through the 2012-2013 school year for students with specified exceptionalities who live in a program-eligible parish and are in kindergarten or grades one through eight. Requires the state department to report on program implementation and to recommend whether the program should continue in the program-eligible parishes or be implemented statewide. New law continues program implementation for the 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 school years but removes eligibility requirements that the student live in a program-eligible parish and be in kindergarten or grades one through eight.

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(Amends the heading of Part II of Ch. 43 of Title 17 of the La. Revised Statutes of 1950 and R.S. 17:4031(A), (B), and (E))