
SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Mills to Engrossed House Bill No. 659 by Representative Thompson

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 2, change "R.S. 17:17.1(A) to "R.S. 17:10.1(F), 17.1(A)"

3 AMENDMENT NO. 2

4 On page 1, line 7, after "schools;" insert the following:

5 "to provide relative to the assignment of letter grades to public schools and districts;
6 to provide relative to the method by which such letter grades are determined; to
7 require approval by the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee
8 on Education;"

9 AMENDMENT NO. 3

10 On page 1, line 15, after "animals;" insert "to provide for an effective date;"

11 AMENDMENT NO. 4

12 On page 1, line 18, change "R.S. 17:17.1(A) to "R.S. 17:10.1(F), 17.1(A)"

13 AMENDMENT NO. 5

14 On page 2, between lines 3 and 4, insert the following:

15 "§10.1. School and district accountability system; purpose; responsibilities of state
16 board; legislative approval

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18 F.(1) In addition to any other performance-related labels or designations
19 assigned to public schools and school districts pursuant to the school and district
20 accountability system, the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, in
21 consultation with parents, teachers, school administrators, and other education
22 stakeholders, shall develop a letter grade system reflective of school and district
23 performance that shall include but not limited necessarily be limited to the following:

24 (1)(a) Assignment of a letter grade to each public elementary and secondary
25 school and school district that is based upon the ~~current~~ method of determining
26 school and district performance scores.

27 (b) Any school that has been labeled academically unacceptable shall be
28 assigned a grade of "F".

29 (2)(c) Inclusion of the letter grade assigned to each public school and school
30 district in the school report cards compiled by the ~~state~~ Department of Education and
31 distributed to parents and in any public release of school and district performance
32 scores.

33 (3)(d) Creation of an honor roll which recognizes all high-performing schools
34 and high schools with graduation rates that exceed the state average, which shall also
35 be make public when information relative to school and district performance scores
36 and letter grades are released.

37 (2)(a) The State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education shall not
38 implement any change to any rule or policy that provides for a method or formula
39 for determining letter grades for schools or school districts or that provides for
40 granting rewards or taking corrective actions based on letter grades unless the
41 changes has been approved by the House Committee on Education and the Senate
42 Committee on Education, meeting separately or jointly.

1 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of Subparagraph (a) of this Section, for
2 the 2012-2013 school year, the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education
3 shall determine letter grades according to the same method or formula used for the
4 2011-2012 school year and shall provide for granting rewards or taking corrective
5 actions based on letter grades according to the same rules or policies used in the
6 2011-2012 school year.

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8 AMENDMENT NO. 6

9 On page 6, after line 19, insert the following:

10 "Section 3. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2013; if vetoed by the
11 governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective July
12 1, 2013, or on the day following such approval by the legislature, whichever is later."