Regular Session, 2014

SENATE BILL NO. 149

BY SENATOR APPEL

POSTSECONDARY ED. Repeals the Louisiana Systemic Initiatives Program (LaSIP).
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1   AN ACT

2   To repeal Chapter 14 of Title 17 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of

3   R.S. 17:2751 through 2759, and to repeal R.S. 36:651(D)(6), relative to the

4   Louisiana Systemic Initiatives Program; to repeal statutory provisions relative to

5   program components and activities, program administration, and the Louisiana

6   Systemic Initiatives Program Council and its powers, duties, and staff; and to provide

7   for related matters.

8   Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9   Section 1. Chapter 14 of Title 17 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950,

10   comprised of R.S. 17:2751 through 2759, is hereby repealed.

11   Section 2. R.S. 36:651(D)(6) is hereby repealed.

12   Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not

13   signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature

14   by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If

15   vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become

16   effective on the day following such approval.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jeanne C. Johnston.

DIGEST

Appel (SB 149)

Present law provides for the Louisiana Systemic Initiatives Program (LaSIP) composed of activities designed to improve mathematics and science education, pursuant to an agreement with the National Science Foundation (NSF). Further provides that such activities shall include professional development for teachers, teacher certification, assessment of curricula and curricular materials, educational technology, community partnerships, evaluation, information dissemination, and equity and diversity issues.

Present law creates the LaSIP Council to administer the program and authorizes the council to employ staff to implement LaSIP programs and projects. Provides that the council be composed of 27 members (designated individually by virtue of their position or office or representing specified organizations) from all facets of elementary and secondary and postsecondary education, including educators, administrators, parents, policymakers, and professional and labor organizations.

Present law directs the legislature to appropriate annually funds awarded to the program, including funds awarded to the program by the National Science Foundation and state matching funds as provided in the state's agreement with the NSF. Further provides that such funding be allocated in a manner consistent with Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and Board of Regents' policies and the state's agreement with the NSF.

Proposed law repeals present law.

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

(Repeals R.S. 17:2751-2759 and R.S. 36:651(D)(6))