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Abstract: Prohibits, for the 2016-2017 school year and thereafter, the state Dept. of Education from awarding first-time vouchers to students.

<u>Present law</u> establishes a voucher program known as the Student Scholarships for Educational Excellence Program. Provides for student and school eligibility requirements, funding and payment procedures, program administration, and testing and reporting requirements. <u>Proposed law</u> prohibits the state Dept. of Education from awarding a scholarship to a student unless he has received one previously and provides that a scholarship awarded by the department to a student who would otherwise be a first-time scholarship recipient for the 2016-2017 school year is null and void.

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

(Adds R.S. 17:4026)