

2016 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 138

BY SENATOR MORRISH

EARLY CHILDHOOD ED. Provides relative to student eligibility for the Student Scholarships for Educational Excellence Program. (gov sig)

1 AN ACT  
2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:4013(2)(a), relative to the Student Scholarships for  
3 Educational Excellence Program; to provide with respect to eligibility of students  
4 entering kindergarten in the voucher program; and to provide for related matters.  
5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:  
6 Section 1. R.S. 17:4013(2)(a) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:  
7 §4013. Definitions  
8 As used in this Chapter, unless otherwise clearly indicated, the following  
9 terms mean:  
10 \* \* \*  
11 (2) "Eligible student" means a student who resides in Louisiana, is a member  
12 of a family with a total income that does not exceed two hundred fifty percent of the  
13 current federal poverty guidelines as established by the federal office of management  
14 and budget, and who meets any one of the following criteria:  
15 (a) Is entering kindergarten **and any of the following applies to the**  
16 **student:**  
17 **(i) Is in a public school system that assigns students to schools based**



- (1) Is in a public school system that assigns students to schools based on attendance zones and the public school he would have attended received a letter grade of "D" or "F" or the student is in a public school system that does not assign students to schools based upon attendance zones.
- (2) Is the sibling of a scholarship recipient.
- (3) Was enrolled in the Nonpublic School Early Childhood Development program at the school in which he is entering kindergarten.

Present law provides that each local school system or the Recovery School District shall conduct its annual kindergarten enrollment process and shall report such enrollment to the department prior to the program enrollment process.

Proposed law removes present law.

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

(Amends R.S. 17:4013(2)(a))