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Present law establishes a voucher program known as the Student Scholarships for Educational Excellence Program.

Present law provides that to be eligible for a voucher a student shall reside in La., be a member of a family with a total income that does not exceed 250% of the current federal poverty guidelines, and shall meet any one of several criteria.

Present law provides that an entering kindergarten student is eligible for the voucher program if he has enrolled in the local school system in which the public school he would have otherwise attended is located or in a school under the jurisdiction of the Recovery School District.

Proposed law provides that an entering kindergarten student who meets any of the following criteria is eligible for a voucher:

(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))