

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 212

BY REPRESENTATIVE HUVAL AND SENATOR MILLS

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

SCHOOLS: Requires schools to be either approved by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education or registered with the state Dept. of Education to be classified as a school for compulsory attendance and other purposes

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:221(A)(1) and to enact R.S. 17:11.1, relative to schools; to
3 require schools not approved by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary
4 Education to register annually with the state Department of Education; to require the
5 state board to adopt rules providing for such registration; to revise requirements for
6 classification as a school for purposes of compulsory attendance; and to provide for
7 related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 17:221(A)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 17:11.1 is
10 hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 §11.1. Annual registration of schools

12 A.(1) Each school that is not approved by the State Board of Elementary and
13 Secondary Education shall annually register with the state Department of Education.

14 (2) A school shall register initially within fifteen days of commencing
15 operations and shall renew registration by October first annually.

16 B. Any school that is required to register with the department shall provide
17 the following information:

18 (1) Enrollment data for each student, including his name, date of birth,
19 address, grade level, and the name of his parent or guardian.

1 board and shall assure that such child is not habitually tardy from school pursuant
2 to the provisions of R.S. 17:233.

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4 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor
5 or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law
6 without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the
7 Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by
8 the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires schools to be either approved by the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education or registered with the state Dept. of Education to be classified as a school for compulsory attendance and other purposes.

Registration of schools

Present law provides for the approval of public and nonpublic schools by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE). Proposed law adds a requirement that each school that is not BESE-approved register annually with the state Dept. of Education (DOE). Requires initial registration within 15 days of commencing operations and registration renewal by Oct. 1st annually. Requires BESE to adopt rules providing for such registration.

Proposed law requires that each school that is required to register provide the following information:

- (1) Enrollment data for each student, including his name, date of birth, address, grade level, and the name of his parent or guardian.
- (2) The school's physical location and academic calendar.
- (3) All required building occupancy, health, and safety permits.
- (4) Any other information required by rules adopted by the BESE.

Proposed law requires that BESE rules require DOE, at a minimum, to:

- (1) Make available on its website a standardized registration form.
- (2) Notify the local public school superintendent within whose jurisdiction each student resides of the student's enrollment in the registered school. Requires such notification not later than 30 days after receipt of a registration form.
- (3) Provide on its website a list of all registered schools.

Compulsory attendance

Present law requires parents, from a child's 7th-18th birthday, to send the child to school, unless he graduates from high school prior to his 18th birthday. Provides penalties for violation. Proposed law retains present law but specifically requires that the school be BESE-approved (as provided in present law) or registered with DOE (as provided in proposed law).

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

(Amends R.S. 17:221(A)(1); Adds R.S. 17:11.1)