

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 266

BY REPRESENTATIVE EMERSON

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:24.4(G)(1) and (4), relative to pupil progression; to provide
3 relative to required remediation programs for student promotion; to repeal provisions
4 relative to summer school remediation programs; to require pupil progression plans
5 to be made available to the public; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 17:24.4(G)(1) and (4) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as
8 follows:

9 §24.4. Louisiana Competency-Based Education Program; statewide standards for
10 required subjects; Louisiana Educational Assessment Program; parish or city
11 school board comprehensive pupil progression plans; waivers

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13 G.(1) Each city and parish school board shall appoint a committee which
14 shall be representative of the parents of the school district under the authority of such
15 school board. Each committee shall participate and have input in the development
16 of the pupil progression plans provided for in this Section. Each parish or city school
17 board shall develop ~~and submit to the state Department of Education for approval by~~
18 ~~the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education~~ and make publicly available
19 a pupil progression plan which shall be in accordance with the requirements of this
20 Section and be based upon student achievement, performance, and proficiency on
21 tests required by this Section. ~~Beginning with the 1998-1999 school year and~~
22 ~~thereafter, approval by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education shall~~
23 ~~not be required for a pupil progression plan.~~

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1 (4)(a) The governing body of each school with students required by law or
2 a rule of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to participate in the
3 Louisiana Educational Assessment Program shall develop a policy with the
4 participation and input of the committee provided for in this Subsection which shall,
5 at a minimum, conform to any rule adopted by the State Board of Elementary and
6 Secondary Education regarding pupil promotion. Following this policy, each teacher
7 shall, on an individualized basis, determine promotion or placement of each student.
8 Each such governing body may review promotion and placement decisions in order
9 to ensure compliance with its established policy. Review may be initiated by the
10 governing body, the superintendent, or a student's parent or guardian. Those students
11 who fail to meet required achievement levels on the state administered standards-
12 based assessments of the Louisiana Educational Assessment Program shall be
13 offered education programs designed to accelerate progress that comply with
14 regulations adopted by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education.
15 Such programs shall include, at a minimum, ~~the offering of a summer school~~
16 remediation program to for all students who do not meet the minimum achievement
17 level necessary to be ~~fully~~ promoted without required academic interventions to the
18 fifth or ninth grade as established by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary
19 Education rule.

20 ~~(b) Summer school remediation programs as required in this Section shall~~
21 ~~meet minimum requirements as established by rule of the State Board of Elementary~~
22 ~~and Secondary Education and shall be funded in part with a state appropriation~~
23 ~~specifically for such purpose and in part with other funds available to each governing~~
24 ~~body of schools required by this Paragraph to provide summer school remediation~~
25 ~~programs. The Department of Education may allocate and disburse the money~~
26 ~~appropriated for summer school remediation programs to such governing bodies at~~
27 ~~the time the number of students who failed to meet the minimum required~~
28 ~~achievement level is known, rather than on a cost reimbursement basis once the~~
29 ~~summer school program is complete.~~

1 (c) ~~Local school boards may require students who fail to meet the required~~
2 ~~achievement level on a test necessary for promotion to the next grade to attend a~~
3 ~~remediation program, including requiring attending the summer remediation~~
4 ~~program, but shall exempt from such summer program any student whose parent or~~
5 ~~guardian signs a form which states, at a minimum, all of the following:~~

6 (i) ~~That such parent or guardian understands that the student has failed to~~
7 ~~meet the required achievement level for promotion to the next grade.~~

8 (ii) ~~That a summer school remediation program is being offered by the~~
9 ~~district to improve the skills of students who have failed to meet the required~~
10 ~~achievement level.~~

11 (iii) ~~That the parent or guardian will take the responsibility of remediation~~
12 ~~to help the student improve his skills necessary for meeting the required achievement~~
13 ~~level on the test.~~

14 (iv) ~~That the student will not be fully promoted to the next grade level unless~~
15 ~~a retest is taken and the student obtains the required achievement level.~~

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____

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