

ACT No. 249

HOUSE BILL NO. 269

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1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:238(C), relative to the education of children in foster care; to
3 provide relative to school placement of children in foster care; and to provide for
4 related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 17:238(C) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §238. Education of children having no permanent address, certain abandoned
8 children, and children in foster care

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10 C. The governing authority of each public elementary and secondary school
11 shall establish a policy to ensure that a child who is in foster care pursuant to
12 placement through the Department of Children and Family Services shall be allowed
13 to remain enrolled in the public school in which the child was enrolled at the time
14 he entered foster care for the duration of the child's stay in the custody of the state
15 or until he completes the highest grade offered at the school if the Department of
16 Children and Family Services determines that remaining in ~~such~~ that school is in the
17 best interest of the child. If the foster care placement is outside the jurisdictional
18 boundaries of the public school in which the child is enrolled, the governing
19 authority of such school shall be responsible for providing free transportation for the
20 child to and from a designated location which is within that school district and is

1 located nearest to the child's residence and is determined to be appropriate by such
 2 governing authority and the Department of Children and Family Services. The
 3 Department of Children and Family Services shall be responsible for providing the
 4 child's transportation between that location and the child's residence.

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

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____