

Regular Session, 2010

ACT No. 697

HOUSE BILL NO. 403

BY REPRESENTATIVE PEARSON

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:3.1, relative to meetings of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary
3 Education; to provide for live broadcasts over the Internet of meetings of the board
4 and its committees; to provide for the recording and archiving of meetings of the
5 board and committees; to provide for public access to such archived meetings; to
6 provide relative to certain meetings of the Board of Elementary and Secondary
7 Education; to provide a special effective date; and to provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 17:3.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §3.1. Internet broadcast of board and committee meetings; archives

11 A. The board shall broadcast over the Internet live audio and video streams
12 of all its board and committee meetings held in Baton Rouge.

13 B. All meetings broadcast in accordance with Subsection A of this Section
14 shall be recorded, archived, and made accessible to the public for at least one year
15 after the date of the meeting.

16 C. The provisions of this Section shall apply to all meetings of the board and
17 its committees, but shall not apply to executive sessions held in accordance with the
18 Louisiana Open Meetings Law as provided in R.S. 42:4.1 et seq.

19 D. The audio and video records created pursuant to this Section shall not be
20 construed in a manner to be the official record, or any part of the official record, of
21 the proceedings of a meeting of the board or any of its committees.

1 E. If the board is precluded from fulfilling the requirements of this Section
 2 due to a technical problem beyond its control, or when the only meeting room
 3 available lacks the equipment necessary to facilitate Internet broadcast, the failure
 4 to broadcast or record the proceedings of a meeting of the board or any of its
 5 committees shall not be construed to be a violation of the provisions of this Section.

6 F. The State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education shall have
 7 meetings relative to the Recovery School District, to be held in New Orleans at a site
 8 to be determined by the board, on a quarterly basis.

9 Section 2. The provisions of this Act shall become effective January 1, 2011.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____