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HOUSE BILL NO. 433

BY REPRESENTATIVE HARDY

SCHOOLS: Requires BESE to establish a uniform grading scale for use in public schools

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:7(29), relative to the duties, functions, and responsibilities of the State
3 Board of Elementary and Secondary Education; to require the State Board of
4 Elementary and Secondary Education to develop, adopt, and provide for the
5 implementation of a uniform grading scale for use in public schools; to provide for
6 enforcement; to provide for a task force to provide recommendations; to provide for
7 rules and regulations; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 17:7(29) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §7. Duties, functions, and responsibilities of board

11 In addition to the authorities granted by R.S. 17:6 and any powers, duties, and
12 responsibilities vested by any other applicable laws, the board shall:

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14 (29) Develop, adopt, and provide for the implementation of a uniform
15 grading scale for use in public elementary and secondary schools and other public
16 schools and programs under its jurisdiction, which shall be enforced by the
17 governing authorities of public schools and by city, parish, and other local public
18 school superintendents.

19 Section 2. During the 2010-2011 school year, the State Board of Elementary and
20 Secondary Education shall appoint a task force to provide input, recommendations, and

1 advice on developing the uniform grading scale. The task force shall include but not be
2 limited to representatives of the following:

- 3 (1) Louisiana School Boards Association.
- 4 (2) Louisiana Association of Educators.
- 5 (3) Louisiana Federation of Teachers.
- 6 (4) Associated Professional Educators of Louisiana.
- 7 (5) State Department of Education.
- 8 (6) Office of the governor.
- 9 (7) Louisiana Parent Teacher Association.
- 10 (8) Louisiana Association of Principals.
- 11 (9) Louisiana Association of School Executives.
- 12 (10) Louisiana Association of School Superintendents.
- 13 (11) Louisiana Association of Special Education Administrators.
- 14 (12) A classroom teacher.
- 15 (13) Louisiana Association of Public Charter Schools.
- 16 (14) Southern Poverty Law Center.
- 17 (15) Louisiana Student Financial Assistance Commission.
- 18 (16) Louisiana High School Athletic Association.

19 Section 3. By not later than the beginning of the 2011-2012 school year, the State
20 Board of Elementary and Secondary Education shall adopt rules and regulations in
21 accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act to provide for the implementation of the
22 provisions of this Act.

DIGEST

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HB No. 433

Abstract: Requires BESE to develop and implement a uniform grading scale for public schools to be enforced by school governing authorities and local superintendents and to appoint a task force to provide recommendations relative to such grading scale.

Proposed law requires BESE to develop and implement a uniform grading scale for use in public schools to be enforced by school governing authorities and local superintendents. Also requires BESE, during the 2010-2011 school year, to appoint a task force to provide recommendations, which shall include representatives of the following:

- (1) La. School Boards Assoc.
- (2) La. Assoc. of Educators.
- (3) La. Federation of Teachers.
- (4) Associated Professional Educators of La.
- (5) State Dept. of Education.
- (6) Office of the governor.
- (7) La. Parent Teacher Association.
- (8) La. Association of Principals.
- (9) La. Association of School Executives.
- (10) La. Association of School Superintendents.
- (11) La. Association of Special Education Administrators.
- (12) A classroom teacher.
- (13) La. Assoc. of Public Charter Schools.
- (14) Southern Poverty Law Center.
- (15) La. Student Financial Assistance Commission.
- (16) La. High School Athletic Assoc.

Requires BESE, before the beginning of the 2011-2012 school year, to adopt rules and regulations in accordance with the APA to implement proposed law.

(Adds R.S. 17:7(29))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Education to the original bill.

1. Adds the following to the list of those which shall have representation on the task force:
 - (a) La. Assoc. of Public Charter Schools.
 - (b) Southern Poverty Law Center.
 - (c) La. Student Financial Assistance Commission.
 - (d) La. High School Athletic Assoc.