

Regular Session, 2010
HOUSE BILL NO. 433

ACT No. 701

BY REPRESENTATIVES HARDY AND HINES

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 and exceptions; to provide for a task force to provide recommendations;
7 to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for
8 related matters.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

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

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

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

20 (b) The provisions of Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph shall not apply to
21 any school operated by the United States Department of Defense that is located on
22 a federal military installation.

23 Section 2. During the 2010-2011 school year, the State Board of Elementary and
24 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) Public school classroom teachers.
- 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 (17) BESE Nonpublic School Commission.

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

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____