

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 615

BY REPRESENTATIVE IVEY

EDUCATION ACCOUNTABILITY: Requires the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education to disseminate annually its method for determining school and district performance scores and letter grades and limits changes to the method

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:10.1(G), relative to school and district accountability; to require the State
3 Board of Elementary and Secondary Education annually to disseminate to each
4 public school governing authority the methodology for determining school and
5 district performance scores and assigning school and district letter grades; to set
6 restrictions on changes the state board may make to such methodology as applicable
7 to a given school year; and to provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 17:10.1(G) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §10.1. School and district accountability system; purpose; responsibilities of state
11 board

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13 G. Not later than July first annually, the state board shall disseminate to the
14 governing authority of each public elementary and secondary school both the method
15 or formula for determining school and district performance scores and the method
16 or formula for assigning school and district letter grades that will be used for the
17 subsequent school year. After this dissemination, the state board shall not implement
18 any change to any method or formula that would result in the taking of corrective
19 actions based on letter grades for that school year.

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

DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) to disseminate to each public school governing authority the method or formula for determining school and district performance scores/letter grades to be used for the subsequent school year; prohibits BESE, after the dissemination, from implementing any change that would result in the taking of corrective actions based on letter grades for that school year.

Present law requires the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) to provide for a statewide system of accountability for schools and districts that provides for rewards or corrective actions, depending on a school or district's performance. Requires BESE to assign a letter grade to each public school and district that is based on the current method of determining school and district performance scores.

Proposed law requires BESE, not later than July first annually, to disseminate to each public school governing authority both the method or formula for determining school and district performance scores and the method or formula for assigning school and district letter grades to be used for the subsequent school year. Prohibits BESE, after this dissemination, from implementing any change to any such method or formula that would result in the taking of corrective actions based on letter grades for that school year.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 17:10.1(G))