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HOUSE BILL NO. 690

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TEACHERS: Requires, under certain circumstances, local public school boards to notify parents of students placed in classrooms of teachers determined to be ineffective

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3902(C)(1) and to enact R.S. 17:3884(B)(4), relative to
3 teacher evaluations; to require local public school boards, under specified
4 circumstances, to notify parents of students taught by teachers determined to be
5 ineffective; to provide for exceptions to confidentiality of evaluation results relative
6 to such required notification; to require local school boards to adopt policies relative
7 to such notification; and to provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 17:3902(C)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.
10 17:3884(B)(4) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 §3884. Evaluation records; response; access

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13 B. Copies of the evaluation results and any documentation related thereto of
14 any school employee may be retained by the local board, the board, or the department
15 and, if retained, are confidential, do not constitute a public record, and shall not be
16 released or shown to any person except:

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18 (4) As necessary to meet the requirements for notification to parents as
19 provided in R.S. 17:3902(C)(1).

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2 §3902. Evaluation program; process

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4 C.(1)(a) At the conclusion of each year's evaluation, the evaluator or
5 evaluators shall determine whether the teacher or administrator is effective or
6 ineffective pursuant to the evaluation plan. Such determination shall be transmitted
7 to the local board.

8 (b) Prior to the start of each school year, the local board shall notify parents
9 that their child will be placed in the classroom of an ineffective teacher if both of the
10 following apply:

11 (i) In the coming year, the student will be placed in the classroom of a teacher
12 who was determined to be ineffective at his most recent evaluation.

13 (ii) During the previous year, the student was a student in the same school
14 district and was placed in the classroom of a teacher determined to be ineffective at
15 his most recent evaluation.

16 (c) Each local board shall develop and adopt policies for notifying parents as
17 provided in this Paragraph. Such policies shall provide options for parents including
18 but not limited to requesting that their child be removed from the classroom of an
19 ineffective teacher and placed in the classroom of an effective teacher and requesting
20 that their child be transferred to a different school in the system all to the extent
21 possible.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires local public school boards to notify certain parents of students placed in classrooms of teachers determined to be ineffective and provides for exceptions to confidentiality of evaluation results relative to such notification requirements.

Present law requires annual evaluations by local public school boards for all teachers and administrators in accordance with State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) rules and regulations. Provides that the elements of evaluation and standards for effectiveness shall be defined by BESE and further provides that by the 2012-2013 school year, 50% of each evaluation shall be based on evidence of growth in student achievement using a value-added assessment model as determined by BESE. Requires BESE to determine a standard for highly effective teachers. Provides for determinations by evaluators at the end of each year's evaluation as to whether the teacher/administrator is effective or ineffective and requires that such determination be transmitted to the local board. Provides that copies of evaluation results and related documents may be retained by the local board, shall be confidential, and shall not constitute a public record or be released to any person with certain specified exceptions.

Proposed law retains present law and requires that prior to the start of each school year, each local board shall provide written notification to the parent of each student who will be placed in a classroom of a teacher who has been determined to be ineffective if the student also had an ineffective teacher in the previous year. Adds to present law exceptions relative to confidentiality of evaluation results, actions taken by local boards necessary to meet the parental notification requirement. Further adds requirement that local boards adopt policies that include certain options for these parents and students.

(Amends R.S. 17:3902(C)(1); Adds R.S. 17:3884(B)(4))