

Regular Session, 2013

SENATE BILL NO. 176

BY SENATOR WHITE

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

EDUCATION ACCOUNTABILITY. Requires certain local public school boards to obtain BESE approval before making certain changes in the status of a failing school. (8/1/13)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:10.5(G), relative to school and district accountability; to require certain  
3 local public school boards to gain approval from the State Board of Elementary and  
4 Secondary Education prior to making certain changes in the status of a failing  
5 school; to provide for applicability; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 17:10.5(G) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §10.5. School and district accountability; failing schools; transfer to Recovery  
9 School District; parent petitions

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11 **G.(1) No local public school board may close, change the grade**  
12 **configuration of, or change the instructional program of any school under its**  
13 **jurisdiction that has been designated as a failing school pursuant to the state's**  
14 **school and district accountability system without first obtaining approval from**  
15 **the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education.**

16 **(2) The provisions of this Subsection shall be applicable to any local**  
17 **public school board in any parish having a population in excess of four hundred**

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**forty thousand according to the most recent federal decennial census.**

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jeanne C. Johnston.

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DIGEST

Proposed law prohibits a local public school board from closing, changing the grade configuration of, or changing the instructional program of any school under its jurisdiction that has been designated as a failing school without first obtaining approval from the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE). Further provides that proposed law shall apply only to a local public school board in a parish having a population in excess of 440,000 according to the most recent federal decennial census.

Effective August 1, 2013.

(Adds R.S. 17:10.5(G))