

2024 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 453

BY SENATOR BASS

SCHOOLS. Makes technical changes to school choice programs. (8/1/24)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact the introductory paragraph of R.S. 17:4013 and R.S. 17:4016(A),  
3 relative to school choice; to provide relative to elementary and secondary school  
4 choice; to provide for the administration and funding for various educational options;  
5 and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. The introductory paragraph of R.S. 17:4013 and R.S. 17:4016(A) are  
8 hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

9 §4013. Definitions

10 As used in this Part, the following terms have the following meanings unless  
11 the context clearly indicates otherwise:

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13 (2) "Eligible student" means a student who resides in Louisiana, is a member  
14 of a family with a total income that does not exceed two hundred fifty percent of the  
15 current federal poverty guidelines as established by the federal office of management  
16 and budget, and who meets any ~~one~~ of the following criteria:

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§4016. Scholarship amounts; funding

A. The department shall allocate annually from funds appropriated or otherwise available for the program an amount per pupil to each participating school equal to the amount allocated per pupil as provided in the minimum foundation program formula, inclusive of the calculations of both the local and state per pupil allocations, to the local school system in which the scholarship recipient resides, considering all student characteristics. For a participating school that charges tuition, if the maximum amount of tuition plus incidental or supplementary fees that are charged to non-scholarship students enrolled in such school and any costs incurred in administering the tests required pursuant to R.S. 17:4023 is less than the amount allocated per pupil to the local school system in which the student resides, then the amount allocated per pupil to the school shall be ~~equal~~ **equivalent** to the sum of such maximum tuition amount, such incidental or supplementary fees charged to non-scholarship students, and such testing costs.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Dawn Romero Watson.

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DIGEST

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Present law provides for a Student Scholarships for Educational Excellence Program.

Proposed law makes technical changes to the statutory language of the program.

Effective August 1, 2024.

(Amends R.S. 17:4013(intro para) and R.S. 17:4016(A))