

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE BILL NO. 484

BY SENATOR WHITE

SCHOOLS. Provides relative to the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and school system. (8/1/14)

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:58.4, relative to the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and school system; to provide for the creation, governance, and organizational structure of subdistricts within the East Baton Rouge Parish school system; to provide relative to funding, personnel, and the provision of school-related services; to provide for the duties and responsibilities of the parish school board, the parish superintendent, deputy superintendents, and school principals; to provide for implementation and effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 17:58.4 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

**§58.4. East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and school system; subdistricts; duties and responsibilities; funding**

**A. (1) The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board shall develop and implement a plan to divide the East Baton Rouge Parish School System into four subdistricts and provide for an equitable allocation of school facilities and student population to each subdistrict.**

1                   **(2) The four subdistricts shall be designated as follows:**

2                   **(a) The North Subdistrict.**

3                   **(b) The Mid-City Subdistrict.**

4                   **(c) The Southeast Subdistrict.**

5                   **(d) The South Subdistrict.**

6                   **(3) Each subdistrict shall have at least one magnet program at the**  
7 **elementary, middle school, and high school level.**

8                   **B. The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board shall:**

9                   **(1) Provide policy and administrative support for the school system,**  
10 **including payroll, retirement and health insurance benefits for teachers and**  
11 **other school and school system employees, and student transportation and**  
12 **school nutrition programs.**

13                   **(2) Receive payments from the state pursuant to the Minimum**  
14 **Foundation Program and allocate these funds to each school in accordance with**  
15 **the dollar amount generated for each individual student enrolled in the school**  
16 **by the Minimum Foundation Program formula, including any additional funds**  
17 **generated by additional weights based upon student characteristics. Locally**  
18 **generated revenues shall be equitably allocated to each school on a per pupil**  
19 **basis. The school board may retain a maximum of three percent of the total per-**  
20 **pupil amount established for each student enrolled in the school system to cover**  
21 **administrative costs and central office functions.**

22                   **C. The superintendent of schools for East Baton Parish shall:**

23                   **(1) Hire and provide administrative support to a deputy superintendent**  
24 **for each subdistrict.**

25                   **(2) Supervise and coordinate all functions for which the school system**  
26 **is responsible.**

27                   **D. The deputy superintendent for each subdistrict shall:**

28                   **(1) Establish attendance zones for each school located within the**  
29 **geographic boundaries of the subdistrict for which he is responsible and**

1 **exercise general supervision over these schools.**

2 **(2)(a) Hire a principal for each school located within the geographic**  
3 **boundaries of his subdistrict.**

4 **(b) The principal of any school that receives a school performance letter**  
5 **grade of "F" for two consecutive years shall be replaced.**

6 **E. The principal of each school shall:**

7 **(1) Hire and make all employment decisions relative to teachers and**  
8 **other personnel employed at the school.**

9 **(2) Supervise the school's instructional program and exercise**  
10 **administrative responsibility for all school related activities.**

11 **(3) Manage the budget for the school and oversee all school related**  
12 **operational functions, including transportation, food service, and facility**  
13 **maintenance. The principal may purchase these services from the parish school**  
14 **board or enter into contracts with private providers, as deemed necessary and**  
15 **appropriate.**

16 **F. The provisions of this Section shall be implemented not later than the**  
17 **beginning of the 2015-2016 school year.**

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

#### DIGEST

White (SB 484)

Proposed law provides with respect to the East Baton Rouge Parish School System as follows:

- (1) Requires the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board to develop and implement a plan to divide the East Baton Rouge Parish School System into four subdistricts to be designated as the "North Subdistrict", the "Mid-City Subdistrict", the "Southeast Subdistrict" and the "South Subdistrict". Further requires the board to provide for an equitable allocation of school facilities and student population to each subdistrict. Provides that each subdistrict shall have at least one magnet program at the elementary, middle school, and high school level.
- (2) Provides that the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board shall:
  - (a) Provide policy and administrative support for the school system, including payroll, retirement and health insurance benefits for teachers and other school and school system employees, and student transportation and school nutrition programs.

- (b) Receive payments from the state pursuant to the Minimum Foundation Program (MFP) and allocate these funds to each school in accordance with the dollar amount generated for each individual student enrolled in the school by the MFP formula, including any additional funds generated by additional weights based upon student characteristics. Provides that locally generated revenues shall be equitably allocated to each school on a per pupil basis. Allows the school board to retain a maximum of three percent of the total per-pupil amount established for each student enrolled in the school system to cover administrative costs and central office functions.
- (3) Provides that the superintendent of schools for East Baton Rouge Parish shall:
    - (a) Hire and provide administrative support to a deputy superintendent for each subdistrict.
    - (b) Supervise and coordinate all functions for which the school system is responsible.
  - (4) Provides that the deputy superintendent for each subdistrict shall:
    - (a) Establish attendance zones for each school located within the geographic boundaries of the subdistrict for which he is responsible and exercise general supervision over these schools.
    - (b) Hire a principal for each school located within the geographic boundaries of his subdistrict. Provides that the principal of any school that receives a school performance letter grade of "F" for two consecutive years shall be replaced.
  - (5) Provides that the principal of each school shall:
    - (a) Hire and make all employment decisions relative to teachers and other personnel employed at the school.
    - (b) Supervise the school's instructional program and exercise administrative responsibility for all school related activities.
    - (c) Manage the budget for the school and oversee all school related operational functions, including transportation, food service, and facility maintenance. Provides that the school principal may purchase these services from the parish school board or enter into contracts with private providers, as deemed necessary and appropriate.
  - (6) Provides that proposed law shall be implemented not later than the beginning of the 2015-2016 school year.

Effective August 1, 2014.

(Adds R.S. 17:58.4)