

SENATE SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS**SB 170****2017 Regular Session****Barrow****KEYWORD AND SUMMARY AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE**

EDUCATION ACCOUNTABILITY. Provides relative to the use of student assessment data for school accountability purposes for the 2016-17 school year for parishes in declared disaster areas. (gov sig)

SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO THE SENATE BILL

1. Requires BESE to report on the results and allowances to the senate and house committees on education.

DIGEST OF THE SENATE BILL AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

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Present law requires that student assessments and achievement growth data be used in the school and district accountability system. Requires the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) to collect results from student assessments for the 2016-2017 school year, but prohibits the use of the assessments for purposes of evaluating teacher performance or making placement decisions for fourth and eighth grade students. Further provides that BESE shall use statewide assessment results as a basis of distributing school and district letter grades but maintain the distribution of letter grades assigned as based on 2012-2013 test results, unless the performance of a school or district improved.

Proposed law retains present law and additionally requires BESE, for the 2016-2017 school year, to examine the results of student assessments and school-level test data and make such allowances in calculating school and district performance scores and letter grades as the board deems necessary and appropriate in a parish located in a gubernatorially or presidentially declared disaster area.

Proposed law requires a representative of BESE to present a report relative to the results and allowances made, if any, to the Senate Committee on Education and the House Committee on Education, meeting separately or jointly, not later than March 21, 2018.

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

(Adds R.S. 17:24.4(F)(1)(h))

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