

Regular Session, 2012  
HOUSE BILL NO. 149  
BY REPRESENTATIVE HENRY BURNS

# ACT No. 378

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:236(C), (D), and (E); to define for purposes of general school law the terms  
3 "elementary school", "middle school", "junior high school", and "high school"; to  
4 specify that middle schools, junior high schools, and high schools shall be considered  
5 secondary schools; to provide an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 17:236(C), (D), and (E) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §236. Definition of a school

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10 C. For the purpose of reporting data:

11 (1) The term "elementary school" means a school composed of any span of  
12 grades prekindergarten through grade eight that excludes grades nine through twelve.

13 (2) The term "middle school" or "junior high school" means a school  
14 composed of any span of grades five through nine that includes grades seven and  
15 eight and that excludes grades prekindergarten through four and ten through twelve.

16 (3) The term "high school" means a school composed of any span of grades  
17 nine through twelve.

18 (4) Middle schools, junior high schools, and high schools shall be considered  
19 secondary schools.

20 D. Nothing in Subsection C of this Section shall be construed to prohibit a  
21 city, parish, or other local public school board from configuring, classifying, or  
22 defining schools under its jurisdiction in a manner other than that provided in  
23 Subsection C of this Section.

1                    E. Nothing in Subsection C of this Section shall affect the certification of  
2                    education personnel or the grade levels for which they are eligible to teach.

3                    Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
4 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
5 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
6 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
7 effective on the day following such approval.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_