

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 344

BY REPRESENTATIVE BROADWATER

BESE: Creates the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education Student Advisory Board

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:2.2 and R.S. 36:651(T)(7), relative to a student advisory board for the State  
3 Board of Elementary and Secondary Education; to create the State Board of  
4 Elementary and Secondary Education Student Advisory Board; to provide for the  
5 purpose and duties of the advisory board; to provide relative to membership,  
6 appointment, qualifications, terms, vacancies, and compensation; to provide for  
7 effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 17:2.2 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §2.2. Student advisory board; creation; purpose; membership; terms; duties

11 A. There is hereby created the State Board of Elementary and Secondary  
12 Education Student Advisory Board. The student advisory board shall act as a liaison  
13 between elementary and secondary education students and the State Board of  
14 Elementary and Secondary Education, hereafter in this Section referred to as "the  
15 state board", in order to provide for an improved learning environment for students  
16 in the state.

17 B. The student advisory board shall consist of eight members, one appointed  
18 by each elected member of the state board from the member's election district. Each  
19 student advisory board member shall be appointed for a one-year term that begins  
20 on September first, and a member may be reappointed only once. To be eligible for

1 appointment, a student shall be in grade ten, eleven, or twelve, have a grade point  
 2 average of at least a 3.5 on a 4.0 scale, and be in good academic and moral standing  
 3 as certified by the student's high school principal. Each member of the student  
 4 advisory board shall maintain a grade point average of at least a 3.5 on a 4.0 scale.  
 5 Failure to maintain the required average and any school disciplinary action taken  
 6 against a member of the student advisory board, including but not limited to school  
 7 suspension or expulsion, are grounds for immediate removal of the student from the  
 8 advisory board.

9 C. A vacancy on the student advisory board shall be filled in the manner  
 10 provided in Subsection B of this Section.

11 D. The student advisory board shall establish bylaws that shall include but  
 12 not be limited to the following:

13 (1) The board's mission, vision, and governance procedures including  
 14 domicile and meeting locations.

15 (2) Procedures for providing advice and assistance to the state board, the  
 16 state superintendent of education, and others on issues affecting the education of  
 17 Louisiana's students.

18 (3) Any other provision as the advisory board deems necessary.

19 E. Membership on the student advisory board shall be voluntary, and a  
 20 student shall not receive compensation for serving on the board.

21 Section 2. R.S. 36:651(T)(7) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

22 §651. Transfer of boards, commissions, departments, and agencies to Department  
 23 of Education; boards, commissions, and agencies within Department of  
 24 Education

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26 T. The following agencies are placed within the Department of Education  
 27 and shall perform and exercise their powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities  
 28 as provided by law:

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