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HOUSE BILL NO. 346

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Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

EDUCATION ACCOUNTABILITY: Requires legislative approval of changes made to school performance score ranges

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:10.1(B), relative to the school and district accountability
3 system; to require approval by the House and Senate education committees of
4 changes made to the school performance score ranges; to provide an effective date;
5 and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 17:10.1(B) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §10.1. School and district accountability system; purpose; responsibilities of state
9 board; legislative approval

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11 B.(1) The State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, hereafter
12 referred to as the "state board", shall provide for a statewide system of accountability
13 for schools and school districts based on student achievement and minimum
14 standards for the approval of schools pursuant to R.S. 17:10. Beginning with the
15 2011-2012 school year, such system shall be based, in part, on growth in student
16 achievement using a value-added assessment model as determined by the state board.
17 The ~~program~~ system shall include, at a minimum, clear and appropriate standards for
18 schools and school districts, indicators for the assessment of schools and school
19 districts, student achievement baselines, student growth targets, and appropriate
20 minimum levels of student achievement for each public school and school district,

1 rewards and corrective actions, specific intervals for assessment and reassessment
2 of schools and school districts, a review process for evaluating growth targets, and
3 technical assistance.

4 (2) Any change to the school performance score ranges used by the state
5 board for assigning letter grades or for any other purpose pursuant to the school and
6 district accountability system may be implemented only if the change has been
7 approved by the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on
8 Education, meeting separately or jointly.

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10 Section 2. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2013; if vetoed by the governor
11 and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on July 1,
12 2013, or on the day following such approval by the legislature, whichever is later.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires approval by the House and Senate education committees of changes to the school performance score ranges in order for such changes to be implemented as part of the school and district accountability system.

Present law requires the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) to provide for a statewide system of accountability for schools and school districts based on student achievement and minimum standards for the approval of schools. Provides that it shall include, at a minimum, clear and appropriate standards for schools and school districts, indicators for the assessment of schools and school districts, student achievement baselines, student growth targets, and appropriate minimum levels of student achievement for each public school and school district, rewards and corrective actions, specific intervals for assessment and reassessment of schools and school districts, a review process for evaluating growth targets, and technical assistance. Provides that such system shall be based, in part, on growth in student achievement using a value-added assessment model as determined by BESE.

Proposed law retains present law and adds that any change made in the school performance score ranges pursuant to the school and district accountability system may be implemented only if the change is approved by the House and Senate education committees.

Effective July 1, 2013.

(Amends R.S. 17:10.1(B))