

Regular Session, 2012

HOUSE BILL NO. 351

BY REPRESENTATIVE BURRELL

SCHOOLS/NONPUBLIC: Requires BESE to develop and implement a school accountability system for approved nonpublic schools

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:10.9, relative to school accountability; to require the State Board of
3 Elementary and Secondary Education to develop and implement an accountability
4 system for certain nonpublic schools; to provide relative to criteria; to provide for
5 effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 17:10.9 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §10.9. School accountability system; nonpublic schools

9 A. The State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education shall develop
10 and implement a school accountability system for nonpublic schools that are
11 approved by the board and that receive public funds.

12 B. The system, to the extent possible, shall be comparable to and contain the
13 same components, requirements, and criteria as the school and district accountability
14 system for public schools, including but not limited to requirements for student
15 testing, assignment of letter grades to schools, and reporting of results to parents.

16 Section 2. The State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education shall implement
17 a school accountability system for certain nonpublic schools as provided in this Act effective
18 for the 2012-2013 school year and thereafter.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires BESE to develop and implement an accountability system for certain nonpublic schools.

Present law provides for a school and district accountability system for public schools. Proposed law adds that the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) shall develop, and, beginning with the 2012-2013 school year, implement a school accountability system for all nonpublic schools that are BESE-approved and that receive public funds. Such system, to the extent possible, shall be comparable to and contain the same components, requirements, and criteria as the accountability system for public schools, including but not limited to requirements for student testing, assignment of letter grades to schools, and reporting of results to parents.

(Adds R.S. 17:10.9)