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HOUSE BILL NO. 533

BY REPRESENTATIVES SEABAUGH AND REYNOLDS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3902(B)(5), relative to the evaluation program for teachers and administrators; to prohibit the inclusion of the test scores of certain students in the value-added assessment model; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 17:3902(B)(5) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§3902. Evaluation program; process

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B. The elements of evaluation and standards for effectiveness shall be defined by the board pursuant to rules and regulations promulgated for such purpose. Such rules and regulations shall require that, at a minimum, local evaluation plans contain the following elements:

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(5) Measure of effectiveness. ~~By the beginning of the 2012-2013 school year, fifty~~ Fifty percent of such evaluations shall be based on evidence of growth in student achievement using a value-added assessment model as determined by the board for grade levels and subjects for which value-added data is available. For grade levels and subjects for which value-added data is not available and for personnel for whom value-added data is not available, the board shall establish measures of student growth. The model shall take into account important student factors, including but not limited to special education, eligibility for free or reduced price meals, student attendance, and student discipline. However, neither the value-added model nor the measures of student growth for grade levels and subjects for which value-added data are not available shall, in any given year, include a test score

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or data of a student who has ten or more unexcused absences in any school semester in that year. The state board shall develop and adopt a policy to invalidate such student growth data for any teacher for any school year in which there is a natural disaster or any other unexpected event that results in the temporary closure of the school.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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