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2017 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 13

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BY SENATOR MORRISH

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

STUDENTS. Provides relative to student eligibility to participate in the Student Scholarships for Educational Excellence Program. (gov sig)

1	AN ACT
2	To amend and reenact R.S. 17:4013(2)(a) and to repeal R.S. 17:4016(C), relative to the
3	Student Scholarships for Educational Excellence Program; to provide with respect
4	to eligibility of kindergarten students to participate in the scholarship program; to
5	provide with respect to the enrollment process for such students; to provided with
6	respect to the status of program participants with local school systems; and to
7	provide for related matters.
8	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
9	Section 1. R.S. 17:4013(2)(a) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
10	§4013. Definitions
11	As used in this Chapter, unless otherwise clearly indicated, the following
12	terms mean:
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14	(2) "Eligible student" means a student who resides in Louisiana, is a member
15	of a family with a total income that does not exceed two hundred fifty percent of the
16	current federal poverty guidelines as established by the federal office of management

and budget, and who meets any one of the following criteria:

1	(a) Is entering kindergarten and has enrolled in the local school system in
2	which the public school he would have otherwise attended is located or in a school
3	under the jurisdiction of the Recovery School District. Each local school system or
4	the Recovery School District shall conduct its annual kindergarten enrollment
5	process and shall report such enrollment to the department prior to the program
6	enrollment process. who meets any of the following criteria:
7	(i) Would otherwise attend a public school that received a letter grade
8	of "C", "D", or "F", or any variation thereof, for the most recent school year
9	pursuant to the school and district accountability system.
10	(ii) Is the sibling of a scholarship recipient who is currently enrolled in
11	and who will be attending the same participating school in which the student is
12	enrolling in kindergarten.
13	* * *
14	Section 2. R.S. 17:4016(C) is hereby repealed.
15	Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
16	signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
17	by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
18	vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
19	effective on the day following such approval.
	The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Cheryl Serrett.

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Present law establishes the Student Scholarships for Educational Excellence Program and provides that eligible students must be members of a family with a total income that does not exceed 250% of the current poverty guidelines, and meet one of several criteria.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that an entering kindergartner is eligible for the scholarship program if he has enrolled in the local school system in which the public school he would have otherwise attended is located or in a school under the jurisdiction of the Recovery School District.

Proposed law deletes present law.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that an entering kindergartner who meets any of the following criteria is eligible to participate in the program:

- (1) Would otherwise attend a public school with a letter grade of a "C", "D", or "F".
- (2) Is the sibling of a scholarship recipient who is currently enrolled in and who will be attending the same participating school in which the student is enrolling in kindergarten.

<u>Present law</u> provides that each local school system or the Recovery School District shall conduct its annual kindergarten enrollment process and shall report such enrollment to the department prior to the program enrollment process.

Proposed law deletes present law.

<u>Present law</u> provides that a scholarship recipient is a member of the local school system in which he attended or otherwise would be attending and requires students entering kindergarten to enroll in the local school system in which they would otherwise be attending public school.

Proposed law deletes present law.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 17:4013(2)(a); repeals R.S. 17:4016(C))