

SENATE BILL NO. 275

BY SENATORS MIZELL, ALARIO, BISHOP, BOUDREAUX, BROWN, CARTER, COLOMB, ERDEY, FANNIN, GATTI, HEWITT, JOHNS, LAFLEUR, LONG, MILKOVICH, MILLS, MORRELL, PEACOCK, PETERSON, JOHN SMITH, TARVER, THOMPSON, WALSWORTH, WARD AND WHITE AND REPRESENTATIVE HUNTER

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:266 and 3996(B)(42), relative to required courses of instruction; to require  
3 that cursive writing be taught in public schools; to provide for effectiveness; and to  
4 provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 17:266 and 3996(B)(42) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 **§266. Cursive writing; required instruction**

8 **Cursive writing shall be taught in all public schools. Each public school**  
9 **shall ensure that such instruction is introduced by the third grade and**  
10 **incorporated into the curriculum in grades four through twelve.**

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12 §3996. Charter schools; exemptions; requirements

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14 B. Notwithstanding any state law, rule, or regulation to the contrary and  
15 except as may be otherwise specifically provided for in an approved charter, a  
16 charter school established and operated in accordance with the provisions of this  
17 Chapter and its approved charter and the school's officers and employees shall be  
18 exempt from all statutory mandates or other statutory requirements that are  
19 applicable to public schools and to public school officers and employees except for  
20 the following laws otherwise applicable to public schools with the same grades:

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22 **(42) Instruction in cursive writing, R.S. 17:266.**

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Section 2. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2017.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_