ACT No. 656

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1   AN ACT

2   To enact R.S. 17:1968.1 and to repeal R.S. 17:1969, relative to funding for the Louisiana

3   School for Math, Science, and the Arts; to provide for the inclusion of the school in

4   the minimum foundation program formula; to provide for the allocation of minimum

5   foundation program funds attributable to such inclusion; to provide relative to

6   appropriations from the state general fund; to provide relative to the annual budget

7   of the Louisiana School for Math, Science, and the Arts; and to provide for related

8   matters.

9   Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10   Section 1. R.S. 17:1968.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

11   **§1968.1. Funding; inclusion in the minimum foundation program formula;**

12   **other appropriated state funds**

13   **A.(1)The board of directors of the Louisiana School for Math, Science,**

14   **and the Arts annually shall prepare and adopt a recommended formula to**

15   **adequately fund the educational programs at the school. The formula shall**

16   **have as its goal to provide state funding for the school which shall not be less**

17   **than the average funding on a per student basis at peer institutions in other**

18   **states having similar programs and enrollments and may provide for achieving**

19   **its goal over a multi-year period. The recommended formula shall be submitted**

20   **to the division of administration as the total budget request for the school.**

21   **(2) Funding for the school shall be provided through appropriations**

22   **made directly to the school from the state general fund and through funds**

23   **appropriated for the minimum foundation program and allocated to the school**

24   **by the Department of Education.**

1   **B.(1) For the purposes of this Section, the Louisiana School for Math,**

2   **Science, and the Arts shall be considered a public secondary school and, as such,**

3   **shall be included by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education**

4   **in the formula required by Article VIII, Section 13 of the Constitution of**

5   **Louisiana used to determine the cost of a minimum foundation program of**

6   **education in all public elementary and secondary schools.**

7   **(2) Minimum foundation program funds allocated to the school shall be**

8   **based upon the school's enrollment, which shall be determined in the same**

9   **manner as for other public schools, and each student shall be funded at one**

10   **hundred percent of the state per pupil amount as contained in the minimum**

11   **foundation program budget letter approved by the State Board of Elementary**

12   **and Secondary Education.**

13   **C. The amount of funding for any budget request submitted as provided**

14   **in this Section that is not provided through the minimum foundation program**

15   **formula shall be determined by the legislature.**

16   Section 2. R.S. 17:1969 is hereby repealed in its entirety.

17   Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not

18   signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature

19   by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If

20   vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become

21   effective on the day following such approval.

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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: _____