

SENATE BILL NO. 753

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:221.4(B)(2)(introductory paragraph) and to enact R.S. 17:221.4(B)(5), relative to elementary and secondary education; to provide with respect to dropout prevention and recovery programs; to provide with respect to cohort graduation rates and dropout rates; to provide for publication of school and school system cohort graduation rates; to provide for notification to parents of certain students regarding dropout rates and other school performance related information; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 17: 221.4(B)(2)(introductory paragraph) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 17:221.4(B)(5) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§221.4. Dropout prevention and recovery program

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(2) The state board shall develop specific methods of targeted intervention or identify appropriate existing methods for city, parish, and other local public school systems that have a four-year cohort graduation rate of less than ~~seventy~~ **eighty** percent as determined by the state board. These intervention methods may include:

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(5) Each city, parish, and other local public school system shall:

(a) Post the four-year cohort graduation rate for each high school in the system and for the system as a whole on its Internet website.

1 **(b) Send a written notice to the parent or other legal guardian of each**
2 **high school student that contains the following information:**

3 **(i) The four-year cohort dropout rate of the school in which the student**
4 **is enrolled.**

5 **(ii) The number of students in the school in which the student is enrolled**
6 **that have been identified as failing pursuant to the school and district**
7 **accountability system.**

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____