

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 589

BY REPRESENTATIVE OWEN

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:205(A), 216(A)(introductory paragraph) and (B), 407.101(G),  
3 and 416.21(N)(3)(b)(ii), to enact R.S. 17:2, and to repeal R.S. 17:202, 203, 205(B)(1)  
4 and (2), 215, 217, 220(B)(5) and (C), 253, and 407.101(E)(8) and R.S. 36:651(E)(2),  
5 relative to elementary and secondary education; to provide relative to reports  
6 required for submission to the legislature by the State Board of Elementary and  
7 Secondary Education or state Department of Education; to provide that each law  
8 requiring such a report shall cease to be effective two years following the date of its  
9 first publication unless renewed by the legislature; to reduce the required number of  
10 annual meetings of the Early Childhood Care and Education Commission; to abolish  
11 the task force created by the commission; to abolish the Louisiana Environmental  
12 Education Commission and transfer certain commission duties to the department; to  
13 abolish the Advisory Council on Student Behavior and Discipline; to provide for  
14 effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

15 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

16 Section 1. R.S. 17:2 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

17 §2. Reports of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and state  
18 Department of Education

19 A. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, any provision of  
20 the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 requiring the State Board of Elementary and  
21 Secondary Education or the state Department of Education to submit a report as

1 defined in R.S. 24:771 shall cease to be effective on August first two years following  
2 the date of the first publication of the report unless renewed by the legislature.

3 B. If a bill providing for the renewal of a reporting requirement does not  
4 become law, the statute creating and continuing such report shall be construed as  
5 repealed on the applicable termination date.

6 Section 2. R.S. 17:205(A), 216(A)(introductory paragraph) and (B), 407.101(G), and  
7 416.21(N)(3)(b)(ii) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §205. Environmental Education Section; staff; powers and duties; cooperation;  
9 funding

10 A. There is hereby created, within the state Department of Education, the  
11 environmental education section which shall ~~assist the commission and~~ perform  
12 responsibilities relative to education as provided for in this Subpart. Insofar as funds  
13 are appropriated, staff may be employed under the direction and control of the state  
14 superintendent of education and in accordance with policies of the department.

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16 §216. Curriculum framework

17 A. The ~~commission~~ state Department of Education shall develop a  
18 curriculum framework for establishing environmental education programs in all  
19 public and private elementary and secondary schools. The program shall integrate  
20 environmental concepts and skills into regular curricula, which include:

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22 B. The ~~commission shall work with the Department of Education to~~  
23 department shall implement an environmental education program in grades K-12.

24 \* \* \*

25 §407.101. Early Childhood Care and Education Commission

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27 G. The commission shall meet at least ~~four~~ two times per year. At each  
28 meeting, the state Department of Education shall provide updates on how the  
29 commission's recommendations are being implemented. The commission shall make

1 any further recommendations it deems necessary to advance the vision and goals  
2 established pursuant to Subsection E of this Section.

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4 §416.21. Behavior of students with exceptionalities; use of seclusion and physical  
5 restraint

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7 N.

8 \* \* \*

9 (3)

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11 (b)

12 \* \* \*

13 (ii) The state Department of Education shall post the annual report on its  
14 website and submit a written copy to the Senate and House committees on education  
15 ~~and the Advisory Council on Student Behavior and Discipline established pursuant~~  
16 ~~to R.S. 17:253.~~

17 Section 3. R.S. 17:202, 203, 205(B)(1) and (2), 215, 217, 220(B)(5) and (C), 253,  
18 and 407.101(E)(8) and R.S. 36:651(E)(2) are hereby repealed in their entirety.

19 Section 4.(A) This Section and Sections 2 and 3 of this Act shall become effective  
20 on August 1, 2025.

21 (B) Section 1 of this Act shall become effective on August 1, 2026.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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