
SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

2025 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Senator Edmonds to Reengrossed House Bill No. 473 by Representative Emerson

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 Delete Senate Committee Amendment No. 18 proposed by the Senate Committee on Finance
3 and adopted by the Senate on June 4, 2025

4 AMENDMENT NO. 2

5 In Senate Committee Amendment No. 9 proposed by the Senate Committee on Finance and
6 adopted by the Senate on June 4, 2025, on page 2, line 7, after "thousand" and before
7 "hundred" delete "two" and insert "one"

8 AMENDMENT NO. 3

9 In Senate Committee Amendment No. 9 proposed by the Senate Committee on Finance and
10 adopted by the Senate on June 4, 2025, delete lines 9 through 26 in their entirety and insert
11 the following:

12 "(2)(a) Beginning with Fiscal Year 2026-2027 and continuing each year
13 thereafter, the legislature shall appropriate funding in the general appropriation bill
14 through the Minimum Foundation Program equivalent to the sum of the following:

15 (i) The remaining amount necessary to fully fund the permanent salary
16 increase and related benefits provided pursuant to Subparagraph (1) of this Paragraph
17 if the amount of net savings realized by a public school system pursuant to the
18 provisions of this Section is insufficient to fully fund such permanent salary increase
19 and related benefits.

20 (ii) The total amount needed to provide a permanent salary increase and
21 related benefits equivalent to that provided pursuant to Subparagraph (1) of this
22 Paragraph for public school system personnel whose employers do not participate
23 in the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana.

24 (b) Amounts required pursuant to Subsubparagraph (a) of this Subparagraph
25 shall be calculated by the Department of Education or its successor and submitted
26 to the legislature no later than March fifteenth each year. Notwithstanding any
27 provision of this Subsubparagraph to the contrary, if a Minimum Foundation
28 Program formula that includes the permanent salary increases and related benefits
29 provided pursuant to the provisions of this Section is adopted by the State Board of
30 Elementary and Secondary Education or its successor and approved by the
31 legislature, the funding required pursuant to the provisions of this Subparagraph shall
32 be included in the annual appropriation of the formula funding."

33 AMENDMENT NO. 4

34 In Senate Committee Amendment No. 16 proposed by the Senate Committee on Finance and
35 adopted by the Senate on June 4, 2025, on page 3, delete lines 9 through 12 in their entirety
36 and insert the following:

37 "Notwithstanding any provision of law or this constitution to the contrary,
38 the amount required to fund the permanent pay increases and related benefits
39 required by Section 1 of this Act for the 2026-2027 school year shall be calculated
40 by the Department of Education and submitted to the legislature for inclusion in the
41 Fiscal Year 2026-2027 general appropriation bill no later than May 15, 2026. Such
42 amount may be included in the appropriation for the Minimum Foundation Program
43 formula if a Minimum Foundation Program formula that includes the permanent
44 salary increases and related benefits provided pursuant to the provisions of this Act
45 is adopted by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education or its
46 successor and approved by the legislature."

1 AMENDMENT NO. 5

2 On page 9 line 14, after "amendment" delete the remainder of the line in its entirety and
3 delete lines 15 through 17 in their entirety and insert the following:

4 "to fund a \$2,250 teacher pay raise and \$1,125 support staff pay raise by
5 utilizing the interest savings from paying down the debt of the Teachers'
6 Retirement System of Louisiana with funds from the Louisiana Education
7 Quality Trust Fund, the Louisiana Quality Education Support Fund, and the
8 Education Excellence Fund?"