
HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

2016 Regular Session

Substitute for Original House Bill No. 1101 by Representative Bishop as proposed by the House Committee on Education

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To enact R.S. 17:4035.2, relative to public school attendance; to provide relative to public school choice within a public school system; to provide for policies to be adopted by public school governing authorities; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 17:4035.2 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§4035.2. Public school choice within school system

A. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, a parent or legal guardian may enroll his child in any public school located within the geographic boundaries and jurisdiction of the school system in which the student resides without regard to residence or attendance zones but subject to any court order providing for the assignment of students within the school system and the availability of space in an appropriate grade level at the school.

B. Each governing authority of a public elementary or secondary school shall adopt a policy for implementation of this Section. Such governing authorities shall work collaboratively and cooperatively with other governing authorities in the same system to ensure compliance with the provisions of this Section.

C. No later than August first of each year, each governing authority shall make available on its website the expected school enrollment and the availability of space in each grade level for each school under its jurisdiction.

D. Notwithstanding the provisions of R.S. 17:158 to the contrary, a school system shall not be required to provide transportation to any student enrolled in a public school pursuant to the provisions of this Section if providing such transportation will result in additional cost to the school system.

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

DIGEST

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Abstract: Authorizes a parent to send a child to any school in the school system where the child lives, subject to certain limitations.

Proposed law authorizes a parent or legal guardian to enroll his child in any public school located within the geographic boundaries and jurisdiction of the school system in which the student resides without regard to residence or attendance zones, subject to any court order providing for the assignment of students within the school system and the availability of space in an appropriate grade level at the school. Requires each public school governing authority to adopt a policy for implementation of proposed law. Further requires each governing authority annually to make available on its website the expected school enrollment and the availability of space in each grade level for each school under its jurisdiction. Provides that a school system shall not be required to provide transportation to any student enrolled in a public school pursuant to proposed law if providing such transportation will result in additional cost to the school system.

Effective July 1, 2017.

(Adds R.S. 17:4035.2)