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DIGEST

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Present law establishes the Student Scholarships for Educational Excellence Program and provides that eligible students must be members of a family with a total income that does not exceed 250% of the current poverty guidelines, and meet one of several criteria.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that an entering kindergartner is eligible for the scholarship program if he has enrolled in the local school system in which the public school he would have otherwise attended is located or in a school under the jurisdiction of the Recovery School District.

Proposed law deletes present law.

Proposed law provides that an entering kindergartner who meets any of the following criteria is eligible to participate in the program:

(1) Would otherwise attend a public school with a letter grade of a "C", "D", or "F".

(2) Is the sibling of a scholarship recipient who is currently enrolled in and who will be attending the same participating school in which the student is enrolling in kindergarten.

Present law provides that each local school system or the Recovery School District shall conduct its annual kindergarten enrollment process and shall report such enrollment to the department prior to the program enrollment process.

Proposed law deletes present law.

Present law provides that a scholarship recipient is a member of the local school system in which he attended or otherwise would be attending and requires students entering kindergarten to enroll in the local school system in which they would otherwise be attending public school.

Proposed law deletes present law.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 17:4013(2)(a); repeals R.S. 17:4016(C))