
DIGEST

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Pierre

Abstract: Prohibits penalizing a student for not taking the state-required assessments upon written request of his parent; provides relative to requirements for reporting student participation rates by the state Dept. of Education relative to school and district accountability.

Proposed law prohibits penalizing a student for failure to take the state-required assessments if his parent submits a written and signed request to exclude the student from participating. Requires public schools to inform parents of their right to exclude their children from taking the assessments. Requires that students not taking the assessments be accommodated in a separate room from students taking the assessments and be provided appropriate academic instruction.

Proposed law requires the state Dept. of Education to include all students eligible to participate in the assessments when reporting participation rates for purposes of the school and district accountability system. Further requires the department, when making school performance calculations, to exclude eligible students for whom no assessment score is recorded due to nonparticipation at the request of the parent; such exclusion shall not exceed 5% of the student population.

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

(Adds R.S. 17:10.1(G) and 24.4(L))