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Abstract: Requires school boards to make presentations at public meetings relative to plans for schools in need of academic improvement.

Present law requires the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) to provide for a statewide system of accountability for schools and school districts based on student achievement and minimum standards for the approval of schools, including the creation of an honor roll recognizing all high-performing schools and high schools with graduation rates that exceed the state average. Proposed law retains present law except provides that high schools recognized by the honor roll shall be those with exemplary graduation rates as determined by BESE instead of those with graduation rates that exceed the state average.

Proposed law further requires the following:

(1)   Requires school boards to present a plan approved by the state Dept. of Education (DOE) for addressing the needs of any school under its oversight, any including locally authorized charter school, that DOE has identified as being in need of academic improvement. Requires such presentation at a public meeting held at the applicable school (with public notice at least one week in advance) and annual updates until the school is no longer so identified.

(2)   Requires presentations to include:

        (a)   The school and student performance data that caused DOE to identify the school as being in need of improvement.

        (b)   A detailed plan overview.

        (c)   Timelines for plan implementation and attainment of performance goals.

        (d)   Plan implications for students, families, and educators.

(3)   Requires DOE to annually publish a list of schools with such plans on its website.

(Amends R.S. 17:10.1(F)(3); Adds R.S. 17:10.1(H))