

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 654

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SCHOOLS/CHOICE: Expands eligibility for the school voucher program

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:4013(2), relative to the Student Scholarships for Educational
3 Excellence Program; to broaden the definition of eligible student for program
4 purposes; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 17:4013(2) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §4013. Definitions

8 As used in this Chapter, unless otherwise clearly indicated, the following
9 terms mean:

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11 (2) "Eligible student" means a any of the following:

12 (a) A student who resides in Louisiana, is a member of a family with a total
13 income that does not exceed two hundred fifty percent of the current federal poverty
14 guidelines as established by the federal office of management and budget, and who
15 meets any one of the following criteria:

16 ~~(a)~~ (i) Is entering kindergarten and has enrolled in the local school system
17 in which the public school he would have otherwise attended is located or in a school
18 under the jurisdiction of the Recovery School District. Each local school system or
19 the Recovery School District shall conduct its annual kindergarten enrollment

Proposed law expands eligibility to children who meet any of the following criteria:

- (1) Is the dependent child of a member of the military stationed in La.
- (2) Is in foster care pursuant to placement through the Dept. of Children and Family Services.
- (3) Is determined to be a victim of bullying pursuant to present law R.S. 17:416.13.

(Amends R.S. 17:4013(2))