

2022 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 126

BY SENATOR CATHEY

SCHOOLS. Provides relative to funding for university lab schools. (gov sig)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:350.21(A) and (C), relative to funding of laboratory schools;
3 to authorize the University of Louisiana at Monroe to receive state funding for a
4 laboratory school; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 17:350.21(A) and (C) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as
7 follows:

8 §350.21. University laboratory schools operated by ~~Louisiana State University and~~
9 ~~Agricultural and Mechanical College, Southern University and~~
10 ~~Agricultural and Mechanical College, and University of Louisiana at~~
11 ~~Lafayette~~ **certain public universities**; funding formula

12 A.**(1)** Any elementary or secondary school operated by Louisiana State
13 University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, Southern University and
14 Agricultural and Mechanical College, ~~or~~ **the** University of Louisiana at Lafayette,
15 **or the University of Louisiana at Monroe** shall be considered a public elementary
16 or secondary school and, as such, shall be annually appropriated funds as determined
17 by applying the formula as specified in Subsection B of this Section.

1 **(2) Any school provided for in this Section shall be authorized by the**
 2 **board of supervisors with jurisdiction over the public postsecondary institution**
 3 **operating the school.**

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5 C.(1) The funds appropriated for the schools provided for in this Section
 6 shall be allocated to the institution of postsecondary education operating the school,
 7 and each institution shall expend such funds to operate the school.

8 **(2) No funds allocated pursuant to this Subsection shall be expended to**
 9 **operate the school unless the public postsecondary education institution**
 10 **operating the school has secured the necessary educational facilities, including**
 11 **classroom capacity, either through the use of current resources or private**
 12 **donations, or if expressly provided for by an Act of the Legislature.**

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14 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
 15 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
 16 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
 17 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
 18 effective on the day following such approval.

The original instrument was prepared by Cheryl Serrett. The following digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared by Cathy R. Wells.

SB 126 Reengrossed

DIGEST
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Cathey

Present law requires the state Dept. of Education to allocate funds appropriated for certain laboratory schools to the public postsecondary education institution operating such school. Requires each institution to expend the funds for the operation of the school.

Proposed law retains present law and prohibits allocated funds from being expended to operate the laboratory school unless the public postsecondary institution operating the respective school has secured the necessary educational facilities, including classroom capacity, either through the use of current resources or private donations, or through an Act of the Legislature.

Present law is applicable to laboratory schools operated by Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, and the University of Louisiana at Lafayette.

Proposed law retains present law, and further provides for applicability to a laboratory school at the University of Louisiana at Monroe.

Proposed law requires laboratory schools to be authorized by the board of supervisors with jurisdiction over the public postsecondary institution operating the respective school.

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

(Amends R.S. 17:350.21(A) and (C))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Prohibits allocated funds from being expended to operate the laboratory school unless the public postsecondary institution operating the respective school has secured the necessary educational facilities, including classroom capacity, either through the use of current resources or private donations, or through an Act of the Legislature.
2. Requires laboratory schools to be authorized by the board of supervisors with jurisdiction over the public postsecondary institution operating the respective school.