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HOUSE BILL NO. 325

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BY REPRESENTATIVE HARRIS

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

EDUCATION ACCOUNTABILITY: Provides relative to the administration of certain tests with respect to the school and district accountability system

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2	To amend and reenact R.S. 17:183.3(B)(3) and to enact R.S. 17:10.1(J), relative to school
3	assessments and accountability; to provide relative to the administration of the ACT
4	and the WorkKeys test; to provide relative to the factoring of scores on certain
5	assessments into the calculation of school and district performance scores; and to
6	provide for related matters.
7	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
8	Section 1. R.S. 17:183.3(B)(3) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 17:10.1(J)
9	is hereby enacted to read as follows:
0	§10.1. School and district accountability system; purpose; responsibilities of state
1	board
12	* * *
13	J.(1) A student pursuing a regular diploma shall take the ACT and also shall
4	take the WorkKeys test upon the request of his parent or legal guardian.
15	(2)(a) The state board shall develop a system of equivalent scores for the
16	ACT and the WorkKeys test and shall use a student's highest score achieved on such
17	test or tests for purposes of the school and district accountability system as provided
18	in this Section.

1 (b) The provisions of this Paragraph are applicable to the test scores of both 2 students pursuing a regular diploma and students pursuing a career diploma as 3 provided in R.S. 17:183.3. 4 5 §183.3. Career major; description; curriculum and graduation requirements 6 7 B. 8 9 (3) A student pursuing a career diploma shall take the American College 10 Test and may choose to take the WorkKeys test and also shall take the ACT upon the 11 request of his parent or legal guardian. The State Board of Elementary and 12 Secondary Education shall develop a system of equivalent scores for the American College Test and the WorkKeys test and shall use a student's highest score achieved 13 14 on such test or tests for purposes of the school and district accountability system 15 required by R.S. 17:10.1. 16

DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides for administration of the ACT and the WorkKeys test to students and for the use of results in the school and district accountability system.

<u>Present law</u> requires the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) to provide for a school and district accountability system and for the assignment of letter grades to each school and district based on BESE's method of determining performance scores; such method is provided in <u>present administrative rule</u> (BESE policy) and uses various indices for calculations, including an ACT/WorkKeys index that assigns a certain number of points according to a student's scores on these tests.

<u>Present law</u> requires students pursuing a career diploma to take the ACT and allows them to take the WorkKeys test. <u>Proposed law</u> instead requires them to take the WorkKeys test and also to take the ACT upon parental request.

<u>Present administrative rule</u> requires students pursuing a regular diploma to take the ACT. <u>Proposed law</u> requires them to take the ACT and also to take the WorkKeys test upon parental request.

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CODING: Words in struck through type are deletions from existing law; words <u>underscored</u> are additions.

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<u>Present law</u> requires BESE to develop a system of equivalent scores for the ACT and the WorkKeys test and to use a student's highest score achieved on such test or tests for purposes of the school and district accountability system. <u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> but specifically applies it to the scores of both groups of students.

(Amends R.S. 17:183.3(B)(3); Adds R.S. 17:10.1(J))