

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 389

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCKNIGHT

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

STUDENTS: Provides relative to the Steve Carter Literacy Program

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:4032.1(D), relative to the Steve Carter Literacy Program; to
3 provide for training of service providers; to provide for payment to service providers;
4 and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 17:4032.1(D) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §4032.1. Steve Carter Literacy Program; establishment; student eligibility; service
8 provider eligibility and approval; administration; payment amounts and uses;
9 notifications; reports; funding

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11 D. In administering the program, the department shall:

12 (1) Evaluate student's eligibility for the program.

13 (2) Develop an application process for students and providers and accept
14 applications.

15 (3) Evaluate providers of supplemental educational services including but
16 not limited to those with expertise in early literacy to determine their initial and
17 continued eligibility for program payments. The department shall establish
18 minimum criteria by which approved providers shall be evaluated to ensure program
19 effectiveness in improving students' reading abilities, including but not limited to
20 performance on approved literacy assessments and the Louisiana Educational

1 Assessment Program state assessment. Providers that fail to demonstrate
2 improvement in students' reading abilities for two consecutive years shall be deemed
3 ineligible to participate in the program.

4 (4) Establish and implement training requirements for providers.

5 (5) Remit payments to such providers for services rendered to students in the
6 program with the lowest-performing economically disadvantaged students given the
7 highest priority.

8 (6) Remit payments to such providers when students fail to attend a tutoring
9 session with less than twenty-four hours' notice regarding their absence.

10 ~~(5)~~ (7) Notify the governing authority of each public school of the
11 application process, requirements, and deadlines for parents and legal guardians.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides relative to the Steve Carter Literacy Program.

Present law creates a literacy program for certain public school students in kindergarten through the 5th grade.

Present law requires the Dept. of Education (DOE) to administer the program pursuant to rules and regulations adopted by the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education. Further requires DOE to:

- (1) Develop an application process and accept applications for both students and service providers.
- (2) Evaluate students and service providers for eligibility.
- (3) Remit payments to service providers for services rendered.
- (4) Evaluate program provider effectiveness through participants' La. Educational Assessment Program assessment scores and literacy assessment results.
- (5) Notify public school governing authorities about the program and the application process.
- (6) Annually report to the House and Senate education committees regarding the program.

Proposed law additionally requires DOE to:

- (1) Establish and implement training requirements for service providers.
- (2) Remit payments to such providers after students fail to attend a tutoring session with less than 24 hours' notice.

(Amends R.S. 17:4032.1(D))