2023 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 315

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1	AN ACT
2	To amend and reenact R.S. 17:264(A)(1), 351.1(B)(3)(d)(i), and 381 and to enact R.S.
3	17:264(C) and 1942.1, relative to the administration of public schools; to provide
4	relative to donations to schools; to require the State Board of Elementary and
5	Secondary Education to submit an annual report to the legislature relative to local
6	compliance with special education requirements and to post the report on its website;
7	to provide relative to the diploma endorsement program for the performance of
8	community service by high school students; to provide relative to textbooks and
9	other instructional materials; and to provide for related matters.
10	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
11	Section 1. R.S. 17:264(A)(1), 351.1(B)(3)(d)(i), and 381 are hereby amended and
12	reenacted and R.S. 17:264(C) and 1942.1 are hereby enacted to read as follows:
13	§264. Community service; high school diploma endorsement program
14	A.(1) The State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education may
15	establish a "Distinction for Community Service" diploma endorsement program to
16	recognize high school students who perform a certain number of hours of
17	documented community service. Community service hours shall not count toward
18	academic course work or graded work in any public school. The number of service
19	hours required to earn a diploma endorsement shall be determined by the state board
20	and shall accrue from the ninth grade through the twelfth grade.
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1	C. The community service performed pursuant to this Section shall not be
2	related to political activities of any kind.
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4	§351.1. Textbooks and other instructional materials; review; adoption; procurement;
5	distribution
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9	(3) The review process shall, at a minimum, provide for the following:
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1	(d)(i) The opportunity for parents and the public to view and submit
12	comments on all textbooks and instructional materials under review. A copy of all
13	student edition textbooks and instructional materials under review shall be made
14	readily available online and in-person for this purpose. Reasonable safeguards
15	against unauthorized use, reproduction, and distribution shall be provided.
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17	§381. Acceptance of donations by state and parish school boards
18	The state board of education State Board of Elementary and Secondary
19	Education and the several parish school boards may, any school board, in accordance
20	with the provisions of this Part, <u>may</u> accept and administer any donation that may be
21	made to them for educational or literary purposes, and each board shall enumerate
22	details of the contents of such donations in a document made publicly available on
23	its website.
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25	§1942.1. Compliance; report by state board
26	A. Not later than July first annually, the State Board of Elementary and
27	Secondary Education shall submit a written report to House Committee on Education
28	and the Senate Committee on Education relative to school district compliance with
29	special education requirements, which shall include, at minimum, the following:

1	(1) A description of the state board's audit process on compliance.
2	(2) School district compliance.
3	(3) School district noncompliance.
4	(4) How long the noncompliance issues have existed.
5	(5) School-level remediation action plans on noncompliance.
6	(6) Authority of the state board to remediate unresolved noncompliance.
7	(7) Actual actions taken by the state board to remediate unresolved
8	noncompliance.
9	B. The state board shall also post the report on its website in an easily
10	accessible location.
	SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
	PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE
	GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA
	APPROVED:

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