

ACT No. 346

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HOUSE BILL NO. 315

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:264(A)(1), 351.1(B)(3)(d)(i), and 381 and to enact R.S. 17:264(C) and 1942.1, relative to the administration of public schools; to provide relative to donations to schools; to require the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to submit an annual report to the legislature relative to local compliance with special education requirements and to post the report on its website; to provide relative to the diploma endorsement program for the performance of community service by high school students; to provide relative to textbooks and other instructional materials; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 17:264(A)(1), 351.1(B)(3)(d)(i), and 381 are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 17:264(C) and 1942.1 are hereby enacted to read as follows:

§264. Community service; high school diploma endorsement program

A.(1) The State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education may establish a "Distinction for Community Service" diploma endorsement program to recognize high school students who perform a certain number of hours of documented community service. Community service hours shall not count toward academic course work or graded work in any public school. The number of service hours required to earn a diploma endorsement shall be determined by the state board and shall accrue from the ninth grade through the twelfth grade.

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- 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: _____