

ACT No. 361

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 56

BY REPRESENTATIVE MOORE

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:407.30.1, relative to early childhood care and education in the Monroe City
3 School District; to authorize the Monroe City School Board to levy an ad valorem
4 tax for the purpose of funding early childhood care and education; and to provide for
5 related matters.

6 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published
7 as provided by Article III, Section 13 of the Constitution of
8 Louisiana.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. R.S. 17:407.30.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 §407.30.1. Monroe City School Board; early childhood care and education; ad
12 valorem tax

13 A. The Monroe City School Board, in addition to all other taxes it is
14 authorized to levy, may levy and collect an ad valorem tax on all taxable immovable
15 property situated within the school district for the purpose of funding early childhood
16 care and education.

17 B.(1) The tax authorized by this Section shall be levied and collected only
18 after the question of its levy has been submitted to the electors of the district at a
19 regularly scheduled election conducted in accordance with the Louisiana Election
20 Code and a majority of those voting on the question have voted in favor of the levy
21 of the tax.

22 (2) The proposition submitted to the voters shall state the tax rate, which
23 shall not exceed five mills, the duration of the tax, which shall not exceed twenty
24 years, and the purpose of the tax.

1 C. The Monroe City School Board shall use the proceeds of the tax
 2 authorized by this Section exclusively for programs and capital investments that
 3 provide childcare and educational opportunities for children who reside in the school
 4 district and who have not yet entered kindergarten.

5 D. In the event that the Monroe City School Board contracts with an outside
 6 organization to administer an early childhood care and education program as
 7 provided for in this Section, the organization must have been performing education
 8 services in Ouachita Parish within the last twenty-five years and must be offering
 9 community aid services at the time of the contract, in an amount totaling one million
 10 dollars per year.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____