

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 55 (HB 78)

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School Facilities Preservation

Existing law establishes a school facilities preservation program in certain school districts in which failing schools were transferred to the jurisdiction of the Recovery School District (RSD).

For purposes of existing law relative to the program, existing law defines "school" as the following: any public school with a unique site code assigned by the state Dept. of Education. New law expands the definition to include any educational program that serves public school students on a school board campus pursuant to a partnership with the school board as defined by school board policy governing school facilities preservation.

Capital Improvement Fund

Existing law requires the school board to establish a capital improvement fund from which the board shall make grants to schools to finance preservation, improvements, capital repairs, construction, and replacement of certain facilities.

Prior law provided that facilities that were constructed prior to Sept. 1, 2005, and that had not received a renovation exceeding half the value of the facility's replacement cost since that date were eligible for grants from the fund. New law removes these eligibility criteria.

Systemwide Needs Program

Existing law requires the school district to create a special fund to dedicate money to a systemwide needs program. Provides for the annual deposit into the fund of \$120 per student in the district less the district's expenditures that year for costs identified in existing law relative to certain legacy expenses.

Prior law prohibited funds from being used to pay for personnel or operating expenditures. New law removes prior law.

New law requires the school board to create an office to manage and oversee the program. From the special fund, requires \$10 per student be dedicated to the office. Authorizes the school board to adjust this per-student amount annually.

To the extent that funds are available, the office is required to perform the following:

- (1) Oversee the superintendent's improvement plans provided for in existing law.
- (2) Report on systemwide needs program performance data.
- (3) Track plan and program outputs, performance outcomes, and expenditure of funds.
- (4) Monitor service offerings by funding recipients and track performance objectives.
- (5) Administrative tasks related to the competitive process for awarding funds.
- (6) Oversee contract management.

Effective August 1, 2023.

(Amends R.S. 17:100.11(G)(1) and (I)(2) and 100.12)