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HOUSE BILL NO. 377

BY REPRESENTATIVE ST. BLANC

STUDENT/ASSESSMENT: Authorizes virtual charter school students to take state tests remotely

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:3996(I), relative to state assessments; to authorize virtual charter school  
3 students to take state assessments remotely; to require these assessments to be  
4 administered according to specific protocols; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 17:3996(I) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §3996. Charter schools; exemptions; requirements

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9 I.(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of Paragraph (B)(17) of this Section,  
10 any virtual charter school may administer any state assessment required pursuant to  
11 R.S. 17:24.4 remotely in a virtual setting that aligns with the student's regular  
12 academic instruction as provided in this Subsection.

13 (2) The student shall take the assessment on an assigned date and at an  
14 assigned time and during a synchronous session initiated and managed by personnel  
15 designated by the virtual school.

16 (3) The student shall take the assessment using a device on which the student  
17 is monitored by an assessment proctor through video for the duration of the  
18 assessment. If the assessment platform does not allow integrated camera proctoring,  
19 the student shall use two devices for the duration of the assessment, one on which he  
20 takes the assessment and a second by which a proctor monitors the student through

1        the camera. However, a second device is not required if the assessment platform  
2        allows for the proctor to view both the student and the background.

3                (4) The virtual school shall maintain a student-to-proctor ratio of no more  
4        than ten-to-one for each assessment.

5                (5) The student shall not exit the assessment administration until instructed  
6        to do so by the proctor, and the proctor shall verify the submission of the assessment.

DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Allows virtual charter school students to take state tests remotely.

Present law requires the state Dept. of Education (DOE) to implement the La. Educational Assessment Program (LEAP) with the approval of the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE), through which students take a series of state-administered tests. Present law applies to all public schools, including charter schools.

Proposed law provides that these tests may be administered remotely for students enrolled in virtual charter schools and provides specific parameters for the virtual test administration.

(Adds R.S. 17:3996(I))