

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 547

BY REPRESENTATIVE AMEDEE

TELEVISION/EDUCATIONAL: Requires the Louisiana Educational Television Authority (LETA) to include funds for French language educational programming in its annual budget request to the division of administration

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:2507(K), relative to the Louisiana Educational Television Authority; to  
3 require the authority to include funds for French language educational programming  
4 in its annual budget request to the division of administration; to subject recipients of  
5 the programming funds to certain accounting and auditing requirements; and to  
6 provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 17:2507(K) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §2507. Distribution of funds

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11 K.(1) The authority shall include in its annual operating budget request to the  
12 division of administration, as a separate item, a request for funds for French language  
13 educational programming.

14 (2) Any entity that receives funds for this programming shall:

15 (a) Maintain financial records in accordance with generally accepted  
16 accounting principles.

17 (b) Provide access upon request to the legislative auditor for all matters  
18 pertaining to receipt of the funds.

1           (c) Cause to be conducted an annual financial audit by an independent  
2           certified public accounting firm licensed by a regulatory authority of the state for that  
3           purpose in accordance with auditing standards and provide the authority with a copy  
4           of the annual audit.

5           (d) Furnish to the authority, upon request, such other financial information  
6           as may be required by the authority.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Requires the La. Educational Television Authority (LETA) to include funds for French language educational programming in its annual budget request to the division of administration.

Present law provides for the La. Education Television Authority (LETA) for the purpose of making educational and public television and radio available. Requires LETA to include in its annual operating budget request to the division of administration, as a separate item, a request for certain funds to be distributed to qualified public television and radio stations not licensed to the authority. Subjects these stations to certain accounting and auditing requirements.

Proposed law additionally requires LETA to include in its annual operating budget request to the division of administration, as a separate item, a request for funds for French language educational programming and subjects any recipients of funds for this programming to the same accounting and auditing requirements.

(Adds R.S. 17:2507(K))