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**SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

2024 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Finance to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 313  
by Senator Edmonds

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1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 14, between lines 5 and 6, insert the following:

3 **"(5) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, a**  
4 **participating nonpublic school shall provide instruction in accordance with the**  
5 **state content standards promulgated by the state Board of Elementary and**  
6 **Secondary Education, but may utilize instructional material of their own**  
7 **choosing."**

8 AMENDMENT NO. 2

9 On page 14, delete lines 27 through 29 and on page 15, delete lines 1 through 12, and insert  
10 the following:

11 **"A. A participating nonpublic school shall ensure that participating**  
12 **students are administered all examinations required pursuant to the school and**  
13 **district accountability system at the prescribed grade level, including the end**  
14 **of course test that is administered to public school students. The results of the**  
15 **test shall be provided to the parent.**

16 **B. A scholarship cohort index that is calculated in a manner that is**  
17 **substantially similar to the school performance score outline in Bulletin 111, as**  
18 **promulgated by the state Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, shall**  
19 **be produced for each participating nonpublic school after the school year in**  
20 **which assessments are taken. The scholarship cohort index shall measure only**  
21 **the participating students who are enrolled in the nonpublic school.**

22 **C. The scholarship cohort index and the corresponding letter grade using**  
23 **the scale applicable to school performance scores for each participating**  
24 **nonpublic school shall be posted on the website maintained by the department**  
25 **and otherwise published in the same manner as the annual school performance**  
26 **score that is attributable to public schools.**

27 **D. If the participating nonpublic school receives a scholarship cohort**  
28 **index less than fifty on a scale of one hundred and fifty in the second year of**  
29 **participation or in any year thereafter, the school shall not enroll any additional**  
30 **participating students.**

31 **E. If a participating nonpublic school for three consecutive years receives**  
32 **a scholarship cohort index below fifty, the nonpublic school shall be ineligible**  
33 **to participate in the program in the subsequent year.**

34 **F. A participating nonpublic school shall perform all screeners and other**  
35 **testing mandated to be administered to any public school student, including but**  
36 **not limited to the literacy screener required in R.S. 17:24.9."**