

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 272

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STUDENTS: Expands student eligibility for participation in the R.E.A.D. (Reading Enrichment and Academic Deliverables) program

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:4033.1(B)(introductory paragraph) and to enact R.S.

3 17:4033.1(B)(5) and (C)(7), relative to the R.E.A.D. (Reading Enrichment and

4 Academic Deliverables) Program; to expand student eligibility to include all students

5 enrolled in certain schools; to require the state Department of Education to provide

6 for the shipment of books to such schools; to require such schools to distribute books

7 and materials to students; to require the department to make determinations relative

8 to such materials; and to provide for related matters.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. R.S. 17:4033.1(B)(introductory paragraph) is hereby amended and
11 reenacted and R.S. 17:4033.1(B)(5) and (C)(7) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

12 §4033.1. R.E.A.D. Program; establishment; student eligibility; administration;
13 funding

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15 B. A public school student who falls into at least one of the following
16 categories is eligible to participate in the program:

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school year. Requires DOE to provide for the quarterly shipment of books directly to such schools and requires the schools to ensure that books and supplemental resources are provided to each student. Requires DOE to determine the specific content and format of such resources.

(Amends R.S. 17:4033.1(B)(intro. para.); Adds R.S. 17:4033.1(B)(5) and (C)(7))