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## DIGEST

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HB No. 457

**Abstract:** Provides relative to a petition process for requesting that a school be transferred to the Recovery School District.

Present law provides that parents of students attending a school with a letter grade of "D" or "F" for three consecutive years may submit a petition to the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) requesting that the school be transferred from the local school system to the Recovery School District (RSD). Requires signatures of parents representing at least a majority of the students attending the school. Requires BESE to adopt rules and regulations for implementation of the petition process, including a petition format and submission process, signature validation procedures, and student transfer procedures. Prohibits the use of local school and school district resources to support or oppose any effort by parents to gather signatures or sign petitions.

Present law requires that the state superintendent of education make an annual report to BESE, the governor, and the legislature on implementation of a total system of choice.

Proposed law retain present law.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 17:10.5(F) and 22(7)(a)(iv))