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HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

2016 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Representative Schroder to Reengrossed Senate Bill No. 335 by Senator Claitor

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 2, change "R.S. 17:154.2" to "R.S. 17:24.4(F)(5), 154.2,"

3 AMENDMENT NO. 2

4 On page 1, line 4, after "information;" and before "and" insert "to provide for the submission
5 of petitions by certain students with exceptionalities; to provide for procedures, guidelines,
6 and rules relative to such petitions; to provide for reporting requirements;"

7 AMENDMENT NO. 3

8 On page 1, line 6, change "R.S. 17:154.2" to "R.S. 17:24.4(F)(5), 154.2,"

9 AMENDMENT NO. 4

10 On page 1, between lines 6 and 7, insert the following:

"§24.4. Louisiana Competency-Based Education Program; statewide
standards for required subjects; Louisiana Educational
Assessment Program; parish or city school board
comprehensive pupil progression plans; waivers

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(5)(a) A person who is no longer enrolled in a public school but was identified as a student with an exceptionality as defined in R.S. 17:1942(B), except a gifted or talented student, and who previously failed to receive a high school diploma or was denied graduation solely for failing to meet the exit examination requirements pursuant to State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education rules, regulations, or policy may petition the city, parish, or other local public school board to determine if he is eligible to receive a high school diploma pursuant to this Paragraph. A petition shall be submitted to the local school board by December 31, 2017.

(b) The local school board shall transmit diploma requests to the state Department of Education in accordance with department procedures and guidelines. A person receiving a diploma pursuant to this Paragraph shall not be counted as a graduate in any graduation rate calculations for affected schools and districts, including calculations for any prior year.

(c) Not later than January 31, 2018, the state Department of Education shall report in writing to the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, the House Committee on Education, and the Senate Committee on Education the number

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of diplomas granted, by school district, pursuant to this Paragraph.

(d) The State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education shall promulgate rules in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act for the implementation of this Paragraph. The state Department of Education shall disseminate a copy of the requirements of this Paragraph and procedures and guidelines for submitting petitions to each city, parish, and other local public school system not later than ninety days after the effective date of this Paragraph. Such procedures and guidelines shall include but shall not be limited to the following:

(i) The eligibility criteria for submitting a petition.

(ii) The petition process, including but not limited to the deadline for submitting a petition and all other applicable deadlines.

(iii) A contact name and phone number at the state Department of Education available to persons submitting petitions.

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