

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 672 (HB 887)

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New law establishes an independent, residential, public school (Thrive Academy) in Baton Rouge as a pilot school for certain at-risk students in grades six through 12. Provides for the enrollment of "at-risk" students who meet at least one of the criteria specified in new law.

New law provides for a board of directors for the school and provides for membership, terms, powers, and duties. Provides that the members shall not receive any compensation. Provides that the board shall select a school director who shall be the chief administrative officer and shall administer the rules, regulations, and policies adopted by the board.

New law requires the board to create an advisory panel to advise and provide assistance to the board on matters affecting the school as determined by the board. Provides for panel membership to consist of a representative from each local public school system that has entered into an agreement with the board for the enrollment of a student who otherwise would have attended school in the local public school system.

New law provides that the school shall be considered a public school for purposes of receiving funding through the minimum foundation program (MFP) in the same manner as for other public schools as contained in the MFP budget letter approved by the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education and the school shall also be eligible to receive other funding appropriated by the legislature. Permits the board to accept federal and private funds.

Effective July 1, 2017, except that new law relative to the creation and functions of the board of directors is effective October 1, 2016.

(Adds R.S. 17:1971-1976 and R.S. 36:651(D)(9))