
DIGEST

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Abstract: Changes certain references to students who are eligible for free and reduced price meals to students who are economically disadvantaged as determined by the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) for purposes of teacher evaluation and charter school enrollment.

Proposed law changes certain present law references to students eligible for the federal free and reduced price meals program to students who are economically disadvantaged as determined by BESE as follows:

Teacher Evaluation

Present law (R.S. 17:3902(B)(5) and 3997(D)(2)) relative to teacher evaluations, provides for the use of a value-added assessment model to determine evidence of student growth as a basis for such evaluations. Provides that the model take into account certain student factors, including but not limited to special education, eligibility for free or reduced price meals, student attendance, and student discipline. Proposed law changes references to students who are eligible for free or reduced price meals to students who are economically disadvantaged as determined by BESE. Otherwise retains present law.

Charter School Enrollment

Present law (R.S. 17:3973(1)(a) and 3991(B)(1)(a)(i) and (b)(i)) relative to requirements for enrollment of at-risk students in charter schools, provides that a student who is eligible to participate in the federal free or reduced lunch program is an at-risk student for purposes of present law. Provides specific requirements for enrollment of at-risk students (by reason of being eligible to participate in the federal free and reduced lunch program) in Type 1 and Type 2 charter schools created as new schools, Type 2 schools created as a result of a conversion, Type 3, and Type 4 schools. Proposed law changes references to students who are eligible for free or reduced price meals to students who are economically disadvantaged as determined by BESE. Otherwise retains present law.

Proposed law requires BESE to ensure that the indicators used to determine and identify economically disadvantaged students for purposes of proposed law are substantially the same as those used to certify student eligibility for the federal free and reduced price meals program.

(Amends R.S. 17:3902(B)(5), 3973(1)(intro. para.) and (a), 3991(B)(1)(a)(i) and (b)(i), and

3997(D)(2))