

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 517

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Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

EDUCATION: Requires the state superintendent of education to report specified information annually pertaining to each public school, including charter schools

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:22(11), to enact R.S. 17:22(12), and to repeal R.S. 17:22(11),  
3 relative to the functions and duties of the state superintendent of education; to require  
4 the superintendent to submit a written report annually to the House Committee on  
5 Education and the Senate Committee on Education relative to each public school,  
6 including charter schools; to provide for an annual deadline and the content of such  
7 reports; to specify a regular legislative session during which the superintendent shall  
8 appear before such committees to present a summary, findings, and  
9 recommendations relative to such reports; to provide for the termination of these  
10 provisions; and to provide for related matters.

11 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

12 Section 1. R.S. 17:22(11) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 17:22(12) is  
13 hereby enacted to read as follows:

14 §22. Superintendent; functions and duties

15 The superintendent shall:

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17 (11)(a) Submit, in addition to the report required by Paragraph (7) of this  
18 Section, a report not later than December first annually to the House Committee on  
19 Education and the Senate Committee on Education, which shall include school-level  
20 information for each public school, including charter schools, for the preceding

1 school year. Such report shall include but need not be limited to data relative to the  
2 following:

3 (i) The type of school.

4 (ii) The percentage of students who are economically disadvantaged.

5 (iii) The percentage of students with exceptionalities who have an  
6 Individualized Education Program or an Individual Accommodation Plan.

7 (iv) The percentage of students who are racial or ethnic minorities.

8 (v) The percentage of students who are English language learners.

9 (vi) The percentage of students who complete Advanced Placement or dual  
10 enrollment courses.

11 (vii) The percentage of students who complete courses included in the core  
12 curricula for the Taylor Opportunity Program for Students.

13 (viii) The percentage of students who complete industry-based certifications.

14 (ix) The percentage of students in world language immersion programs.

15 (x) The percentage of students who have access to instruction in the visual  
16 and performing arts or world languages.

17 (xi) The percentage of students who have out-of-school suspensions or  
18 expulsions.

19 (xii) Results of state assessments administered in grades three through  
20 twelve.

21 (xiii) The percentage of teachers determined to be highly effective.

22 (xiv) The number of teacher absences.

23 (b) The report also shall provide aggregate data required by Items (a)(vi)  
24 through (xii) of this Paragraph according to the categories of students in Items (a)(ii)  
25 through (v) of this Paragraph.

26 (c) During the 2022 Regular Session of the Legislature, the state  
27 superintendent of education shall appear before the House Committee on Education  
28 and the Senate Committee on Education to present a summary of the information  
29 required by Subparagraph (b) of this Paragraph. This summary shall contain the

1 superintendent's findings and recommendations relative to supporting an equitable  
2 system of public elementary and secondary education.

3 (12) Perform such other functions as provided by law.

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5 Section 2. R.S. 17:22(11) is hereby repealed in its entirety.

6 Section 3. Section 1 of this Act and this Section of this Act shall become effective  
7 on August 1, 2017. Section 2 of this Act shall become effective on August 1, 2022.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Requires the state superintendent of education to submit a written report to the House and Senate education committees annually that contains information pertaining to every public school, including charter schools, for the next five years and to appear before these committees during the 2022 R.S. to present a summary, findings, and recommendations.

Present law provides for the functions and duties of the state superintendent of education, including duties relative to reporting. Proposed law provides that in addition to present law reporting requirements, the superintendent shall, by Dec. 1st annually, submit a school-level report containing information on every public school, including charter schools, for the preceding school year. Specifies that the report shall contain but need not be limited to data relative to the following:

- (1) The type of school.
- (2) The percentage of students who are economically disadvantaged, racial or ethnic minorities, or English language learners and the percentage of students with exceptionalities who have an Individualized Education Program or an Individual Accommodation Plan.
- (3) The percentage of students who complete Advanced Placement courses, dual enrollment courses, courses included in the core curricula for the Taylor Opportunity Program for Students, or industry-based certifications; who have out-of-school suspensions or expulsions; who are in world language immersion programs; and who have access to instruction in the visual and performing arts or world languages; such data shall also be provided in the aggregate according to the student categories in (2) above.
- (4) Results of state assessments administered in grades three through twelve; such data shall also be provided in the aggregate according to the student categories in (2) above.
- (5) The number and percentage of teachers determined to be highly effective.
- (6) The number of teacher absences.

Proposed law further requires the superintendent to appear before such committees during the 2022 R.S. to present a summary of the data contained in these annual reports, which shall include his findings and recommendations relative to supporting an equitable system of public elementary and secondary education.

Proposed law provides that it shall become effective on Aug. 1, 2017, and shall be repealed on Aug. 1, 2022.

(Amends R.S. 17:22(11); Adds R.S. 17:22(12); Repeals R.S. 17:22(11))