

2017 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 233

BY SENATOR LAFLEUR

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

EDUCATION ACCOUNTABILITY. Requires BESE to award additional points to the school performance score of a school that offers certain certified foreign language immersion programs. (gov sig)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:10.1(G), relative to the school and district accountability system; to require  
3 the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to adopt a policy to award  
4 additional points to the school performance score of a school that offers a certified  
5 foreign language immersion program; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 17:10.1(G) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §10.1. School and district accountability system; purpose; responsibilities of state  
9 board

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11 **G.(1)(a) Beginning with the 2018-2019 school year, for a school that**  
12 **establishes, maintains, or expands a foreign language immersion program or**  
13 **proceeds to earn or maintain certification of a foreign language immersion**  
14 **program pursuant to R.S. 17:273.2, the state board shall include a component**  
15 **in the school and district accountability system to annually award points to the**  
16 **school's annual performance score.**

17 **(b) The amount of the additional points awarded shall be equal to five**

1           percent of the total school performance score points earned by the school.

2           (2) The state board shall not prohibit a school from annually earning  
 3           additional points in the school and district accountability system for  
 4           maintaining a foreign language immersion program that meets performance  
 5           and quality standards established by the state board.

6           (3) The state board shall promulgate rules and regulations pursuant to  
 7           the Administrative Procedure Act to implement the provisions of this  
 8           Subsection.

9           Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
 10          signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
 11          by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
 12          vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
 13          effective on the day following such approval.

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The original instrument was prepared by Cheryl M. Serrett. The following digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared by McHenry Lee.

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DIGEST

SB 233 Reengrossed

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Present law requires the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) to provide for a statewide school and district accountability system.

Present law requires BESE to develop and implement a process to certify foreign language immersion programs.

Proposed law provides that beginning with the 2018-2019 school year, for a school that establishes, maintains, or expands a foreign language immersion program or proceeds to earn or maintain certification of a foreign language immersion program, the state board must include a component in the school and district accountability system to annually award points to the school's annual performance score.

Proposed law provides that the amount of additional points awarded be equal to 5% of the total school performance score points earned by the school.

Proposed law provides that the state board cannot prohibit a school from annually earning additional points in the school and district accountability system for maintaining a foreign language immersion program that meets performance and quality standards established by the state board.

Proposed law authorizes the state board to promulgate rules and regulations pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act to implement the provisions of proposed law.

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

(Adds R.S. 17:10.1(G))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Changes the points awarded from five points to five percent of total school performance score points earned by the school.
2. Adds provision allowing the school to earn additional points for maintaining a foreign language immersion program that meets certain performance and quality standards.
3. Adds provision authorizing the state board to promulgate certain rules and regulations.