

2018 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 152

BY SENATOR MORRISH

EDUCATION ACCOUNTABILITY. Provides relative to information provided with the release of school performance scores and letter grades. (gov sig)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:10.1(H), relative to school and district accountability; to provide relative
3 to information to be provided with the annual release of school and district
4 performance scores and letter grades; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

7 §10.1. School and district accountability system; purpose; responsibilities of state
8 board

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10 H.(1) Whenever the state board makes any change in the criteria,
11 methodology, or manner of calculating and determining school and district
12 performance scores and letter grades, the release of performance scores and
13 letter grades for the year in which the change is first effective shall also include
14 the performance score and letter grade the school or district would have
15 received had the change not been implemented.

16 (2) School and district performance scores and letter grades based upon
17 the criteria used in the current school year and the performance scores and

1 letter grades based upon the criteria used in the prior school year shall be
2 reported and displayed side by side to facilitate easy comparison.

3 (3) The release of school and district performance scores and letter
4 grades issued for the 2017-2018 school year and thereafter shall comply with the
5 provisions of this Subsection.

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

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jeanne C. Johnston.

DIGEST

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Present law provides for a school and district accountability system that requires the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) to develop criteria to calculate a performance score and letter grade for each school and school district.

Proposed law retains present law and additionally provides that when BESE makes a change in the criteria used to determine school and district performance scores and letter grades the release of performance scores and letter grades for the year in which the change is first effective shall also include the performance score and letter grade the school or district would have received had the change not been implemented. Further provides that school and district performance scores and letter grades based upon the criteria used in the current school year and the performance scores and letter grades based upon the criteria used in the prior school year shall be reported and displayed side by side to facilitate easy comparison.

Proposed law provides that the release of school and district performance scores and letter grades issued for the 2017-2018 school year and thereafter shall comply with the provisions of proposed law.

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

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