

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 193

BY REPRESENTATIVE COUSSAN

SCHOOLS/FINANCE-MFP: Provides relative to funding for university laboratory schools

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:350.21, relative to funding of laboratory schools; to provide  
3 relative to inclusion of University of Louisiana at Lafayette as a public  
4 postsecondary education institution eligible to receive state funding for a laboratory  
5 school; to provide for the allocation of funds attributable to such inclusion; and to  
6 provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 17:350.21 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

9 §350.21. University laboratory schools operated by Louisiana State University and  
10 Agricultural and Mechanical College ~~and by~~, Southern University and  
11 Agricultural and Mechanical College, and University of Louisiana at  
12 Lafayette; funding formula

13 A. Any elementary or secondary school operated by Louisiana State  
14 University and Agricultural and Mechanical College ~~or~~, by Southern University and  
15 Agricultural and Mechanical College, or University of Louisiana at Lafayette shall  
16 be considered a public elementary or secondary school and, as such, shall be  
17 annually appropriated funds as determined by applying the formula ~~contained~~ as  
18 specified in Subsection B of this Section.

19 B. Each student, as identified by the preceding year's October first  
20 membership, ~~at the~~ enrolled in a ~~schools~~ school provided for in Subsection A of this

1 Section shall be provided for and funded as provided for in Article VIII, Section 13  
 2 of the Constitution of Louisiana. The State Board of Elementary and Secondary  
 3 Education shall allocate annually from the minimum foundation program formula  
 4 an amount per student ~~in~~ to each school equal to the amount allocated per student to  
 5 the ~~East Baton Rouge Parish School Board~~ school board in the parish where the  
 6 school is located.

7 C. The funds appropriated for the schools provided for in this Section shall  
 8 be allocated to the institution of ~~higher~~ postsecondary education operating ~~such a~~ the  
 9 school. ~~Each such, and each~~ institution of higher education shall expend such funds  
 10 to operate ~~such schools~~ the school.

11 D. The funds provided pursuant to ~~the provisions of~~ this Section during any  
 12 one fiscal year shall not supplant funding provided by a ~~higher~~ postsecondary  
 13 education institution for the previous fiscal year to any elementary or secondary  
 14 school operated by the institution.

15 E. Notwithstanding any provision of this Section to the contrary, the funding  
 16 provided pursuant to ~~the provisions of~~ this Section shall not exceed the average per  
 17 pupil funding provided by the minimum foundation program formula for other  
 18 elementary or secondary schools operated by public postsecondary education  
 19 institutions ~~of higher education.~~

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#### DIGEST

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HB 193 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Adds University of Louisiana at Lafayette to institutions eligible to receive laboratory school funding through the minimum foundation program.

Present law provides that an elementary or secondary school operated by a public postsecondary institution, hereafter called "laboratory school", is considered as part of the parish school system where the laboratory school is located for the purposes of inclusion in the minimum foundation program and formula. Requires BESE to include all such students in the development and application of the minimum foundation formula.

Present law requires the state Dept. of Education to allocate funds appropriated for laboratory schools to the public postsecondary education institution operating such school.

Requires that each such institution budget and allocate such funds to the operation of such schools.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law is applicable to Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College and Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College laboratory schools. Proposed law retains present law, but further provides for applicability to University of Louisiana at Lafayette laboratory school.

(Amends R.S. 17:350.21)