

2018 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 562 (Substitute of Senate Bill No. 95 by Senator Boudreaux)

BY SENATOR BOUDREAUX

SCHOOLS. Provides relative to virtual schools. (gov sig)

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AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:236.3, relative to public elementary and secondary schools; to provide relative to virtual schools; to provide for definitions; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 17:236.3 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§236.3. Virtual School; definition

"Virtual school" means a public school, including a charter school, which has a unique site code assigned by the state Department of Education and which delivers all or a majority of the instruction provided through the internet or other electronic medium such that a student is not necessarily required to be at a specific location in order to receive instruction from a teacher. This does not preclude the ability of the school to include traditional classroom-based instruction or to host face-to-face meetings, including field trips, extracurricular activities, conferences between a student, parents, and teachers, or other related activities or events. However, a school that delivers all or a majority of the instruction provided through the internet or other electronic medium and

1 **requires students to be in daily attendance at a specified location to receive such**
2 **instruction shall not be considered a virtual school.**

3 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
4 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
5 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
6 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
7 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

SB 562 Engrossed

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Proposed law defines "virtual school" as a public school, including a charter school, which has a unique site code assigned by the state Department of Education and which delivers all or a majority of the instruction provided through the internet or other electronic medium such that a student is not necessarily required to be at a specific location in order to receive instruction from a teacher. Allows a virtual school to include traditional classroom-based instruction or to host face-to-face meetings, including field trips, extracurricular activities, conferences between a student, parents, and teachers, or other related activities or events. Excludes a school that delivers all or a majority of the instruction provided through the internet or other electronic medium and requires students to be in daily attendance at a specified location to receive such instruction from the definition of "virtual school".

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

(Adds R.S. 17:236.3)