

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

2018 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Senator LaFleur to Engrossed House Bill No. 306 by Representative Thomas

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 2, change "R.S. 17:273.3(C)(2)(c) and" to "R.S. 17:273.3(C)(2) and (E)(4),"

3 AMENDMENT NO. 2

4 On page 1, line 3, between "293.3(H)," and "relative" insert "and to repeal R.S.
5 17:273.3(D),"

6 AMENDMENT NO. 3

7 On page 1, line 6, between "program;" and "and to" insert "to provide relative to the review
8 of program requests, program approval and location, and student enrollment in a program;"

9 AMENDMENT NO. 4

10 On page 1, line 9, change "R.S. 17:273.3(C)(2)(c) is" to "R.S. 17:273.3(C)(2) and (E)(4) are"

11 AMENDMENT NO. 5

12 On page 2, delete lines 6 through 21, and insert the following:

13 "C.

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15 (2)(a) Beginning with the 2014-2015 school year, a local school board, if
16 requested in writing by the parents or legal guardians of at least twenty-five students
17 seeking to be enrolled in kindergarten or of at least twenty-five students seeking to
18 be enrolled in first grade who reside within the jurisdictional boundaries of the
19 school district, shall establish a foreign language immersion program for such
20 students, provided that all of the following apply:

21 (i) The parent or legal guardian of each student commits, in writing, that the
22 student will participate in the program.

23 (ii) The requisite number of written requests are submitted to the local school
24 board not later than March first prior to the school year in which the program is to
25 be established.

26 (iii) The minimum foundation program formula provides funding to local
27 school systems employing foreign language teachers to provide salary supplements
28 for such teachers at a level equal to or greater than the level of funding provided for
29 this purpose through such formula for the 2011-2012 fiscal year.

30 (iv) A sufficient number of foreign language teachers with the required
31 credentials as prescribed by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education
32 are available through programs administered by the Department of Education and the
33 Council for the Development of French in Louisiana to establish the program.

34 (v) There is no existing foreign language immersion program offered by the
35 local school board, in the same foreign language being proposed, that has been
36 certified by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education pursuant to R.S.
37 17:273.2.

38 (b) Such program shall be continued as long as at least twenty students
39 remain enrolled in the program.

40 (c) The local school board shall ensure that any foreign language immersion
41 program established pursuant to this Section is designated as a Certified Foreign
42 Language Immersion Program by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary
43 Education in accordance with R.S. 17:273.2 within three years from the date such
44 program is established.

1 (d) The local school board shall review the written requests submitted
2 pursuant to this Paragraph and shall notify the parents or legal guardians not later
3 than March fifteenth of its determination as to whether or not the required number
4 of requests was submitted.

5 (e) The local school board shall inform the parents and legal custodians of all
6 students enrolled in the school system about the existence of any newly established
7 foreign language immersion program and shall permit all eligible students to apply
8 for the program during the designated enrollment period for the school year.

9 (f) The local school board shall consider the location of all students applying
10 for a foreign language immersion program and shall make reasonable attempts to
11 place the program in schools located near the majority of the students who applied.

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13 E. A local public school board shall not deny enrollment in a foreign
14 language immersion program to any student if all of the following conditions are
15 met:

16 * * *
17 (4) The student applies for enrollment in such a program by no later than
18 ~~March first~~ May fifteenth of the school year prior to such enrollment.

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20 H. For purposes of this Section, "foreign language immersion program"
21 means any type of dual language immersion program.

22 AMENDMENT NO. 6

23 On page 2, after line 21, insert the following:

24 Section 2. R.S. 17:273.3(D) is hereby repealed.