

ACT No. 547

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 387

BY REPRESENTATIVE EDMONDS

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:406.9(B)(introductory paragraph) and (2)(introductory
3 paragraph) and (a) and to enact R.S. 17:406.9(B)(2)(e) through (h) and (10) through
4 (13) and 3996(B)(45), relative to the rights of parents of public school children; to
5 provide for the disclosure of certain student records to parents; to provide for
6 parental notification; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 17:406.9(B)(introductory paragraph) and (2)(introductory paragraph)
9 and (a) are hereby amended and reenacted and 17:406.9(B)(2)(e) through (h) and (10)
10 through (13) and 3996(B)(45) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 §406.9. Parents' Bill of Rights for Public Schools

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13 B. Parents of public school children who have not reached the age of
14 majority shall have all of the following rights:

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16 (2) To inspect their child's school records, and to receive a copy of their
17 child's records within ten business days of submitting a written request, either
18 electronically or on paper. Parents shall not be required to appear in person for the
19 purposes of requesting or validating a request for their child's school records. There
20 shall be no charge for a parent to receive such records electronically. Any charges
21 for a paper copy of such records shall be reasonable and set forth in the official rules

1 and regulations of the school governing authority. School records shall include
2 ~~including~~ all of the following:

3 (a) Academic records, including but not limited to results of interim or
4 benchmark assessments.

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6 (e) Records of discipline.

7 (f) Records of attendance.

8 (g) Records associated with a child's screening for learning challenges,
9 exceptionalities, plans for an Individualized Education Program, or Individual
10 Accommodation Plan.

11 (h) Any other student-specific file, document, or other materials that are
12 maintained by the school.

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14 (10) To receive from the school the annual school calendar, no later than
15 thirty days prior to the beginning of the school year, and to be notified in writing as
16 soon as feasible of any revisions to such calendar. Such calendar shall be posted to
17 the school's website and shall include, at a minimum, student attendance days and
18 any event that requires parent or student attendance outside of normal school days
19 or hours.

20 (11) To receive in writing each year or to view on the school's website a
21 comprehensive listing of any required fee and its purpose and use and a description
22 of how economic hardships may be addressed.

23 (12) To receive in writing each year or to view on the school's website a
24 description of the school's required uniform for students.

25 (13) To be informed if their child's academic performance is such that it
26 could threaten the child's ability to be promoted to the next grade level and to be
27 offered an in-person meeting with the child's classroom teacher and school leader to
28 discuss any resources or strategies available to support and encourage the child's
29 academic improvement.

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1 §3996. Charter schools; exemptions; requirements

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3 B. Notwithstanding any state law, rule, or regulation to the contrary and
4 except as may be otherwise specifically provided for in an approved charter, a
5 charter school established and operated in accordance with the provisions of this
6 Chapter and its approved charter and the school's officers and employees shall be
7 exempt from all statutory mandates or other statutory requirements that are
8 applicable to public schools and to public school officers and employees except for
9 the following laws otherwise applicable to public schools with the same grades:

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11 (45) Parents' Bill of Rights for Public Schools, R.S. 17:406.9.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____