

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 445 (HB 62)

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Existing constitution provides for appropriation of one-third of all monies received as a result of the Master Settlement Agreement of tobacco litigation, which are deposited into the Millennium Trust, and one-third of the investment earnings on such money to be credited to the Education Excellence Fund for certain schools. Provides for appropriations from the Education Excellence Fund as follows:

- (1) 15% shall be appropriated to the state superintendent of education for distribution to private elementary and secondary schools approved by the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE).
- (2) Appropriations to the La. School for the Deaf, La. School for the Visually Impaired, La. School for Math, Science & Arts, the La. Special Education Center, the New Orleans Center for Creative Arts, and the Louis Armstrong High School for the Arts shall be \$75,000 plus the average per pupil amount paid to public schools.
- (3) Appropriations equal to the average per pupil amount paid to public schools are authorized for certain charter schools and alternative schools.
- (4) All remaining monies shall be appropriated for each city, parish, and other local school system on a pro rata basis based on the ratio of the student population of that school or school system to that of the total state student population.

Existing constitution requires each recipient school or school system to prepare and submit to the Dept. of Education a prioritized plan for expenditure of funds it expects to receive from the Education Excellence Fund. Prohibits funds from being distributed to a school or school system until its plan has been approved by the department and by the legislature.

Existing constitution requires that amounts appropriated from the Education Excellence Fund which remain in the state treasury shall remain to the credit of the recipient school or school system at the close of each fiscal year, along with investment earnings.

Proposed constitutional amendment adds that the La. Educational Television Authority shall receive an appropriation of \$75,000. Proposed constitutional amendment further adds that the Thrive Academy shall receive an appropriation of \$75,000 plus the average per pupil amount paid to public schools and authorizes appropriations equal to the average per pupil amount paid to public schools for laboratory schools approved by BESE and operated by public postsecondary education institutions.

Proposed constitutional amendment changes the recipient of the Education Excellence Fund from a school or school system to an entity.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held Oct. 12, 2019.

(Amends Const. Art. VII, §10.8(C)(3)(b), (c), and (g); Repeals Const. Art. VII, §10.8(C)(3)(d))