

2020 Second Extraordinary Session

SENATE BILL NO. 31

BY SENATOR FIELDS

EDUCATION ACCOUNTABILITY. Prohibits use of statewide student assessments conducted during the 2020-2021 school year for the purposes of evaluating teacher performance or student placement decisions. (gov sig) (Item #42)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3997(D)(2) and to enact R.S. 17:24.4(F)(1)(i) and 3902(E),  
3 relative to elementary and secondary education; to provide relative to the use of  
4 statewide student assessments for the 2020-2021 school year; and to provide for  
5 related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 17:3997(D)(2) is hereby amended and reenacted, and R.S.  
8 17:24.4(F)(1)(i) and 3902(E) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §24.4. Louisiana Competency-Based Education Program; statewide standards for  
10 required subjects; Louisiana Educational Assessment Program; parish  
11 or city school board comprehensive pupil progression plans; waivers

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13 F.(1)(a) \* \* \*

14 (i) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, for the  
15 2020-2021 school year, the board shall examine the results from student  
16 assessments and school-level test data but shall not use such assessments and  
17 data for purposes of evaluating teacher performance or making placement

1 **decisions for fourth and eighth grade students.**

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3 §3902. Evaluation program; process

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5 **E. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, for the**

6 **2020-2021 school year, value-added data shall not be used to evaluate teacher**

7 **performance or effectiveness.**

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9 §3997. Charter school employees

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11 D. \* \* \*

12 (2)(a) Fifty percent of each teacher and administrator evaluation conducted  
13 pursuant to Paragraph (1) of this Subsection shall be based on evidence of growth in  
14 student achievement as determined by the state board. Data derived from a value-  
15 added assessment model, as determined by the state board, shall be a factor in  
16 determining evidence of student growth for grade levels and subjects for which  
17 value-added data is available and shall comprise thirty-five percent of the overall  
18 evaluation. For grade levels and subjects for which value-added data is not available,  
19 the state board shall establish measures of student growth. The model shall take into  
20 account important student factors, including but not limited to special education,  
21 economic disadvantage, attendance, and discipline. The state board shall develop and  
22 adopt a policy to invalidate such student growth data for any teacher for any school  
23 year in which there is a natural disaster or any other unexpected event that results in  
24 the temporary closure of the school.

25 **(b) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, for the**

26 **2020-2021 school year, value-added data shall not be used to evaluate teacher**

27 **performance or effectiveness.**

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29 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not

1 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
 2 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
 3 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
 4 effective on the day following such approval.

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The original instrument was prepared by Cheryl M. Serrett. The following digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared by Jeanne Johnston.

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#### DIGEST

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Present law requires that student assessments be conducted and student achievement and student growth data be used in evaluating teachers, schools, and school districts.

Proposed law retains present law and additionally provides that notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, for the 2020-2021 school year, the results from student assessments shall not be used for student progression or teacher evaluations.

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

(Amends R.S. 17:3997(D)(2); adds R.S. 17:24.4(F)(1)(i) and 3902(E))

#### Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

##### Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Education to the original bill

1. Prohibits use of value-added data in teacher evaluations.
2. Limits the prohibition of use of the student assessments to student progression and teacher evaluation.

##### Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Makes technical change.