

2021 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 175

BY REPRESENTATIVE PHELPS

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

SCHOOLS/ADMINISTRATORS: Provides relative to the appointment of school principals

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:414.1, relative to the appointment of school principals; to
3 provide that the appointment of a principal by the local school superintendent is
4 subject to the approval of the school board; to require the superintendent to
5 recommend a candidate to fill each vacancy in a school principal position to the
6 school board at a public meeting; to require the school board to provide opportunity
7 for public comment prior to voting relative to the approval of such appointment; and
8 to provide for related matters.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. R.S. 17:414.1 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

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12 §414.1. Public elementary and secondary school principals; ~~duties;~~ appointment

13 A. The principal for each public elementary and secondary school shall be
14 appointed by and serve under the direction of the local superintendent of schools as
15 the administrative officer of the school to which he is assigned. Consistent with the
16 requirements of law and the rules and regulations of the State Board of Elementary
17 and Secondary Education and the local public school board by which he is employed,
18 he shall have administrative responsibility for the direction and supervision of the
19 personnel and activities and the administration of the affairs of that school.

- 1 B. The appointment of a principal by the superintendent is subject to the
2 approval of the school board. The superintendent shall recommend a candidate to
3 fill each vacancy in a school principal position to the board at an open public
4 meeting that has been properly noticed. Prior to voting to approve or disapprove the
5 appointment of the candidate recommended by the superintendent, the board shall
6 provide an opportunity for public comment.
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DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides that the local superintendent's appointment of a principal is subject to the approval of the school board, which shall occur at a public meeting where there is an opportunity for public comment.

Present law provides for each school principal to be appointed by the local school superintendent and serve as the administrative officer of the school to which he is assigned. Proposed law retains present law but subjects the appointment to the approval of the local school board as follows:

- (1) Requires the superintendent to recommend a candidate to fill each vacancy in a school principal position to the board at an open public meeting that has been properly noticed.
- (2) Requires the school board to provide an opportunity for public comment prior to voting to approve or disapprove the appointment of the candidate recommended by the superintendent.

(Amends R.S. 17:414.1)