Present law requires compulsory school attendance.

Present law requires the parent or legal guardian of a student who is attending an approved home study program or a nonpublic school not seeking state approval to report the attendance of the student in such program or school to the state Department of Education (DOE).

Proposed law retains present law. Proposed law further requires DOE to provide notice of such attendance of a student in an approved home study program or nonpublic school not seeking state approval to the governing authority of the public school in which the student was most recently enrolled, and, if different, the governing authority of the public school which the student would otherwise attend.

Proposed law also provides that DOE shall not record such a student reported to DOE as a dropout attributable to the public school where he was most recently enrolled or to the public school which he would otherwise attend, unless the student subsequently enrolls in and attends the public school.

Proposed law provides that such students reported to DOE are the responsibility of DOE relative to compulsory school attendance issues.

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

(Amends R.S. 17:221(E))