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HOUSE BILL NO. 416

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BY REPRESENTATIVE MARINO

STUDENTS: Provides relative to screening of students for dyslexia and other impediments to learning

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:392.1(F)(1)(introductory paragraph) and (2) and to enact R.S.

3 17:392.1(F)(3) and 3996(B)(67), relative to screening of public school students for 4 impediments to learning; to provide relative to reports to the state Department of 5 Education and to the legislature regarding students with dyslexia; and to provide for 6 related matters. 7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana: 8 Section 1. R.S. 17:392.1(F)(1)(introductory paragraph) and (2) are hereby amended 9 and reenacted and R.S. 17:392.1(F)(3) and 3996(B)(67) are hereby enacted to read as 10 follows: 11 §392.1. Screening and intervention; purpose; applicability; city and parish school 12 system; duties 13 14 F.(1) Each public school governing authority shall submit a report to the 15 state Department of Education by October thirty-first December fifteenth annually 16 relative to the occurrence of dyslexia. The report shall include numbers of students 17 of all grade levels identified as dyslexic, either pursuant to the provisions of this 18 Section or R.S. 17:2112, and shall include, per grade, all of the following: 19

1	(2) The state Department of Education shall compile the reports received
2	pursuant to Paragraph (1) of this Subsection and report such data to the House
3	Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education no later than
4	December March first annually.
5	(3) Notwithstanding Paragraph (1) of this Subsection, if the number of
6	students in a grade level identified as dyslexic is not zero and not more than ten, the
7	report shall not indicate an exact number but shall indicate that there are fewer than
8	eleven students in the grade identified as dyslexic.
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10	§3996. Charter schools; exemptions; requirements
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12	B. Notwithstanding any state law, rule, or regulation to the contrary and
13	except as may be otherwise specifically provided for in an approved charter, a
14	charter school established and operated in accordance with the provisions of this
15	Chapter and its approved charter and the school's officers and employees shall be
16	exempt from all statutory mandates or other statutory requirements that are
17	applicable to public schools and to public school officers and employees except for
18	the following laws otherwise applicable to public schools with the same grades:
19	* * *
20	(67) Screening and intervention, R.S. 17:392.1.
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DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires public school governing authorities, including those of charter schools, and the state Dept. of Education to report certain data relative to students with dyslexia.

Present law requires that every child in public school in grades kindergarten through third be screened, at least once, for the existence of impediments to a successful school experience, including:

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CODING: Words in struck through type are deletions from existing law; words underscored are additions.

- (1) Dyslexia and related disorders.
- (2) Attention deficit disorder.
- (3) Social and environmental factors that put a child at risk of dropping out of school.

<u>Present law</u> requires that services be provided to a student found to be in need of services by such screening.

<u>Proposed law</u> specifies that <u>present law</u> is applicable to charter schools.

<u>Present law</u> requires public school governing authorities to report to the state Dept. of Education relative to certain groups of students identified as having dyslexia, disaggregated by grade and type of education plan, by Oct. 31st annually. <u>Proposed law</u> moves reporting deadline to Dec. 15th.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires the reporting of the number of students to be expressed as one of the following:

- (1) Zero.
- (2) A range from one to 10.
- (3) The exact number of cases if the number is above 10.

<u>Proposed law</u> specifies that <u>proposed law</u> applies to charter schools.

<u>Present law</u> requires the department to submit a cumulative report to the legislative education committees by Dec. 1st annually. <u>Proposed law</u> moves reporting deadline to March 1st.

(Amends R.S. 17:392.1(F)(1)(intro. para.) and (2); Adds R.S. 17:392.1(F)(3) and 3996(B)(67))