AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:350.21(A) and (C), relative to funding of laboratory schools; to authorize the University of Louisiana at Monroe to receive state funding for a laboratory school; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 17:350.21(A) and (C) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§350.21. University laboratory schools operated by Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, and University of Louisiana at Lafayette certain public universities; funding formula

A. (1) Any elementary or secondary school operated by Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, or the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, or the University of Louisiana at Monroe shall be considered a public elementary or secondary school and, as such, shall be annually appropriated funds as determined by applying the formula as specified in Subsection B of this Section.
(2) Any school provided for in this Section shall be authorized by the board of supervisors with jurisdiction over the public postsecondary institution operating the school.

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C. (1) The funds appropriated for the schools provided for in this Section shall be allocated to the institution of postsecondary education operating the school, and each institution shall expend such funds to operate the school.

(2) No funds allocated pursuant to this Subsection shall be expended to operate the school unless the public postsecondary education institution operating the school has secured the necessary educational facilities, including classroom capacity, either through the use of current resources or private donations, or if expressly provided for by an Act of the Legislature.

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Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

The original instrument was prepared by Cheryl Serrett. The following digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared by Cathy R. Wells.

DIGEST

SB 126 Reengrossed 2022 Regular Session Cathey

Present law requires the state Dept. of Education to allocate funds appropriated for certain laboratory schools to the public postsecondary education institution operating such school. Requires each institution to expend the funds for the operation of the school.

Proposed law retains present law and prohibits allocated funds from being expended to operate the laboratory school unless the public postsecondary institution operating the respective school has secured the necessary educational facilities, including classroom capacity, either through the use of current resources or private donations, or through an Act of the Legislature.

Present law is applicable to laboratory schools operated by Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, and the University of Louisiana at Lafayette.
Proposed law retains present law, and further provides for applicability to a laboratory school at the University of Louisiana at Monroe.

Proposed law requires laboratory schools to be authorized by the board of supervisors with jurisdiction over the public postsecondary institution operating the respective school.

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

(Amends R.S. 17:350.21(A) and (C))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Prohibits allocated funds from being expended to operate the laboratory school unless the public postsecondary institution operating the respective school has secured the necessary educational facilities, including classroom capacity, either through the use of current resources or private donations, or through an Act of the Legislature.

2. Requires laboratory schools to be authorized by the board of supervisors with jurisdiction over the public postsecondary institution operating the respective school.