
DIGEST

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Abstract: Establishes the La. Imagination Library Program under the administration of the La. Educational Television Authority (LETA) for the purpose of encouraging reading and learning for young children and creates a fund for funding the program.

Proposed law establishes the La. Imagination Library Program under the administration of LETA. Requires LETA to:

- (1) Promote the statewide development of local Dolly Parton's Imagination Library programs.
- (2) Advance and strengthen local Dolly Parton's Imagination Library programs with the goal of increasing enrollment.
- (3) Develop community engagement.
- (4) Develop a public awareness campaign.
- (5) Receive monies appropriated to it for program administration.
- (6) Administer any local match requirements, which may be waived on a case-by-case basis, and coordinate the collection and remittance of local program costs.
- (7) Provide an annual report to the governor and the legislature about the program.

Proposed law authorizes LETA to work collaboratively with Friends of La. Public Broadcasting in implementing the program.

Proposed law creates the La. Imagination Library Fund within the state for the purpose of funding the program. Provides that monies in the fund are subject to appropriation and available exclusively for use by the authority for the program.

(Adds R.S. 17:2508)