

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 904

BY REPRESENTATIVE CHENEVERT

EDUCATION: Requires school-level reporting by public schools and postsecondary education institutions on programs related to diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging and requires the state Department of Education and the Board of Regents to submit summary reports to certain legislative committees

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:2122 and 3996(B)(82) and to repeal R.S. 17:2122 and 3996 (B)(82),  
3 relative to education; to require each public school and public postsecondary  
4 education institution to submit a report relative to funding and personnel used for  
5 programs related to diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging; to provide for the  
6 content of the reports and submission either to the state Department of Education or  
7 the Board of Regents, as applicable; to require the department and the board to report  
8 to certain legislative committees relative to the reports submitted by the schools and  
9 institutions; to provide for definitions; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide  
10 for related matters.

11 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

12 Section 1. R.S. 17:2122 and 3996(B)(82) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

13 §2122. Disclosure of funding and personnel; programs related to diversity, equity,  
14 inclusion, and belonging

15 A.(1) Each public elementary and secondary school and each public  
16 postsecondary education institution shall submit a written report of each campus  
17 program related to diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging for the 2021-2022,  
18 2022-2023, and 2023-2024 fiscal years by October 31, 2024.

1           (2) For purposes of this Section, "program related to diversity, equity,  
2           inclusion, and belonging" means any program, activity, initiative, event, instruction,  
3           action, or policy that classifies or references individuals on the basis of race, color,  
4           sex, national origin, culture, gender identity, or sexual orientation or promotes  
5           differential or preferential treatment of individuals on the basis of such classification.

6           B.(1) Each report shall include, at minimum, the following:

7           (a) The purpose and expected outcome of each program.

8           (b) A brief description of each program.

9           (c) The number of personnel dedicated to the program.

10           (d) The total amount of funding expended to support or implement the  
11           program, including salaries, stipends, and benefits.

12           (e) Of the total amount spent to support the program, the amount that is state-  
13           funded.

14           (2) Public postsecondary education institutions shall not include programs  
15           directly affiliated with Title IX in their reports.

16           C. Each public elementary and secondary school shall submit its report to the  
17           state Department of Education, and each public postsecondary education institution  
18           shall submit its report to the Board of Regents.

19           D. The department and the board shall each develop a comprehensive written  
20           report containing the information reported by each institution, disaggregated by  
21           school or institution, as applicable, by system, and by the nature of the program and  
22           the funding thereof, and submit its report to the House Committee on Education,  
23           Senate Committee on Education, House Committee on Appropriations, and Senate  
24           Committee on Finance by December 31, 2024.

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26           §3996. Charter schools; exemptions; requirements

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28           B. Notwithstanding any state law, rule, or regulation to the contrary and  
29           except as may be otherwise specifically provided for in an approved charter, a



- (3) The number of personnel dedicated to the program.
- (4) The total amount of funding expended to support or implement the program, including salaries, stipends, and benefits.
- (5) Of the total amount spent to support the program, the amount that is state-funded.

Proposed law requires DOE and Regents each to submit a comprehensive written report summarizing this information to the House and Senate education committees, House Committee on Appropriations, and Senate Committee on Finance not later than Dec. 31, 2024.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action; repeal of proposed law effective Jan. 1, 2025.

(Adds R.S. 17:2122 and 3996(B)(82); Repeals R.S. 17:2122 and 3996(B)(82))