
SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

2024 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Finance to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 313
by Senator Edmonds

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 2, at the beginning of line 2, insert "to provide for annual appropriation to fund the
3 program;"

4 AMENDMENT NO. 2

5 On page 7, line 28, after "**parts of the program.**" delete the remainder of the line and delete
6 line 29

7 AMENDMENT NO. 3

8 On page 8, delete lines 1 through 5

9 AMENDMENT NO. 4

10 On page 8, delete line 18 and insert "**the department shall allocate annually from funds**
11 **appropriated by the legislature to fund the LA GATOR Scholarship Program, or**
12 **otherwise made**"

13 AMENDMENT NO. 5

14 On page 9, line 27, after "C.(1)" delete the remainder of the line and delete lines 28 and 29

15 AMENDMENT NO. 6

16 On page 10, delete line 1

17 AMENDMENT NO. 7

18 On page 10, at the beginning of line 2, delete "(2)"

19 AMENDMENT NO. 8

20 On page 10, at the beginning of line 4, change "(3)" to "(2)"

21 AMENDMENT NO. 9

22 On page 10, at the beginning of line 14, change "(4)" to "(3)"

23 AMENDMENT NO. 10

24 On page 10, at the beginning of line 25, change "(2) The" to "(2) To the extent the
25 **legislature provides an annual appropriation for the LA GATOR Scholarship**
26 **Program, the**"

27 AMENDMENT NO. 11

28 On page 17, delete lines 19 through 25, and insert the following:

29 "Section 3.(A) Section 1 of this Act shall become effective when an
30 Act of the legislature containing a specific appropriation of monies for the
31 implementation of the provisions of this Act becomes effective, except that
32 prior to a specific appropriation by the legislature for monies to fund

1 scholarships awarded pursuant to the provisions of Section 1 of this Act, the
2 actions required by Subparagraphs (1) and (2) shall occur:

3 (1) The state board shall promulgate all rules required for
4 implementation of the program, including eligibility criteria for participation
5 in the program for students, participating schools, and service providers,
6 auditing processes for the program and accounts, standards by which the
7 department of education is authorized to deem a student ineligible to
8 participate in the program, and the selection process for a program manager.

9 (2)(a) The department of education shall establish all procedures and
10 develop all processes for implementation of the program, including the
11 system that allows a parent to direct funds from the account to a participating
12 school or service provider, submission of applications, annual administration
13 of exams required by a school or district's accountability system, and the
14 collection and aggregate reporting of assessment results.

15 (b) Not later than December 1, 2024, the department shall conduct a
16 statewide survey on existing education resources available within the state
17 and report its findings to the legislature, including the number of available
18 seats by grade and parish for all schools approved by the state board pursuant
19 to R.S. 17:10 or R.S. 17:11, the number of students by parish that would
20 qualify for the program, the number of students by parish participating in the
21 School Scholarships for Education Excellence program, and the number of
22 students by parish that will be eligible to attend kindergarten for the
23 2025-2026 school year.

24 (B) Section 2 of this Act shall become effective one year from the
25 date of effectiveness of Paragraph (A) of this Section.

26 (C) The provisions of this Section shall become effective upon
27 signature of this Act by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon
28 expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the
29 governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of
30 Louisiana. If this Act is vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved
31 by the legislature, the provisions of this Section shall become effective on the
32 day following such approval."
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