
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 1, line 2, after "To" delete the remainder of the line

3 AMENDMENT NO. 2

4 On page 1, at the beginning of line 3, delete "and to enact R.S. 17:3996(B)(82)," and insert
5 "enact"

6 AMENDMENT NO. 3

7 On page 1, line 4, change "4037.11," to "4037.4," and delete the remainder of the line

8 AMENDMENT NO. 4

9 On page 1, delete line 5

10 AMENDMENT NO. 5

11 On page 1, line 6, after "choice;" delete the remainder of the line and insert "to authorize the
12 creation of the"

13 AMENDMENT NO. 6

14 On page 1, line 8, change "provides" to "to provide"

15 AMENDMENT NO. 7

16 On page 1, delete lines 9 through 17 and insert the following:

17 "to support parental choice for educational opportunities; to provide for
18 legislative intent; to provide for definitions; to require the Department of
19 Education in coordination with the State Board of Elementary and Secondary
20 Education to conduct a survey on educational resources; to provide for
21 reporting requirements; to authorize the State Board of Elementary and
22 Secondary Education to develop the program and promulgate rules; to
23 provide relative to funding for the program; and to provide for related
24 matters."

25 AMENDMENT NO. 8

26 On page 2, delete lines 1 through 3

27 AMENDMENT NO. 9

28 On page 2, delete lines 5 and 6 and insert the following:

29 "Section 1. Chapter 43-C of Title 17 of the"

30 AMENDMENT NO. 10

31 On page 2, line 7, change "4037.11," to "4037.4," and delete the remainder of the line

1 AMENDMENT NO. 11

2 On page 2, line 8, delete "17:5029(F) are" and insert "is"

3 AMENDMENT NO. 12

4 On page 2, delete lines 9 through 29 and delete page 3

5 AMENDMENT NO. 13

6 On page 4, delete lines 1 through 20

7 AMENDMENT NO. 14

8 On page 4, delete lines 27 through 29 and insert the following:

9 **"The Constitution of Louisiana requires the legislature to**
10 **maintain a public educational system in order to ensure that every**
11 **person is afforded an equal educational opportunity and prohibits the**
12 **use of state dollars in a manner that would have the effect of**
13 **discriminating in providing equal educational opportunities for all**
14 **students. The legislature recognizes the importance of the exercise of**
15 **parental choice in providing an education for their children, as well as**
16 **the necessity that all students have access to quality educational**
17 **opportunities."**

18 AMENDMENT NO. 15

19 On page 5, delete line 1 through 9

20 AMENDMENT NO. 16

21 On page 5, delete lines 13 through 17

22 AMENDMENT NO. 17

23 On page 5, at the beginning of line 18, change "(3)" to "(1)"

24 AMENDMENT NO. 18

25 On page 5, delete lines 19 through 25 and insert the following:

26 **"(2) "Program" means the Louisiana Giving All True**
27 **Opportunity to Rise (LA GATOR) Scholarship program authorized in**
28 **this Chapter."**

29 AMENDMENT NO. 19

30 On page 5, delete lines 26 through 29 and delete page 6

31 AMENDMENT NO. 20

32 On page 7, delete lines 1 through 6

33 AMENDMENT NO. 21

34 On page 7, line 7, change "(12)" to "(3)"

35 AMENDMENT NO. 22

36 On page 7, line 9, change "creation" to "development"

1 AMENDMENT NO. 23

2 On page 7, line 11, after "rules" insert "; survey and reporting requirements"

3 AMENDMENT NO. 24

4 On page 7, delete lines 12 through 29 and delete pages 8 through 17 and insert the following:

5 "A. In order to assist the legislature in evaluating the effectiveness
6 of existing educational resources and determining the most efficient and
7 effective allocation of funding to maximize educational opportunities for
8 all students, the Department of Education, in coordination with the State
9 Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, shall conduct a
10 statewide survey on all existing educational resources available within
11 the state receiving state funding and their inputs and outcomes and
12 report its findings to the legislature no later than December 1, 2024. The
13 report shall be categorized by parish, school grade, and disaggregated
14 by public schools approved pursuant to R.S. 17:10, public charter
15 schools approved pursuant Chapter 42 of this Title, and nonpublic
16 schools approved pursuant to R.S. 17:11 and shall include, at a
17 minimum, the following:

18 (1) The number of available seats for the 2024-2025 school year.

19 (2) The number of students enrolled for the 2024-2025 school year
20 and the percentage of students who are economically disadvantaged.

21 (3) The number of state board approved schools and the
22 2023-2024 school year performance score and letter grade of each school
23 for which the statewide system of accountability is applicable.

24 (4) The number of schools labeled as "Urgent Intervention
25 Needed", "Urgent Intervention Required", or "Comprehensive
26 Intervention Required" for the 2023-2024 school year.

27 (5) The number of students who were enrolled in a "C", "D", or "F" rated
28 school for the 2023-2024 school year.

29 (6) The number of students for the 2023-2024 school year whose
30 family income did not exceed two hundred and fifty percent of the
31 current federal poverty guidelines as established by the federal office of
32 management and budget.

33 (7) The number of students who participated in the School
34 Scholarships for Education Excellence program for the 2023-2024 school
35 year.

36 (8) All schools that participated in the School Scholarships for
37 Education Excellence program for the 2023-2024 school year, the
38 number of students who participated in the program for each
39 participating school, the number of program seats that were available
40 for each participating school, and the aggregate test result data for
41 participating students for each participating school.

42 (9) The number of students for the 2023-2024 school year whose
43 family income did not exceed four hundred percent of the current
44 federal poverty guidelines as established by the federal office of
45 management and budget.

46 (10) The number of schools subject to a school, district, or
47 statewide system of accountability that earned a "C", "D", or "F" for the
48 2023-2024 school year.

49 (11) The metrics, weight assigned to each metric, and point
50 system used in determining the performance score and letter grade for
51 the school, district, and statewide system of accountability.

52 (12) The percentage of teachers and administrators for the
53 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 school year for which an evaluation was
54 conducted pursuant to R.S. 17:3902 or R.S. 17:3997(D).

55 (13) The methodology, metrics, and weight of each that are
56 utilized as evidence of growth in student achievement.

1 **(14) The student characteristics and methodology utilized to**
2 **determine typical outcomes of comparable students for purposes of**
3 **assigning each student an expected score to be compared to the student’s**
4 **actual score on state assessments in determining the student’s growth**
5 **result.**

6 **(15) The percentage of students who demonstrated a positive**
7 **growth result between the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 school years.**

8 **(16) The percentage of students who demonstrated a negative**
9 **growth result between the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 school years.**

10 **B. The state board is authorized to develop an education savings**
11 **account program utilizing the findings required by Subsection B of this**
12 **Section to support parental choice for educational opportunities, with a**
13 **focus on using limited resources in the most strategic and equitable way**
14 **possible to increase and support student achievement. Upon approval of**
15 **the program by the favorable vote of a majority of the state board, the**
16 **state board is authorized to promulgate rules necessary to implement the**
17 **program.**

18 **C. The department and the state board may use available public**
19 **funds to perform the duties provided for in this Chapter. However, the**
20 **implementation of an education savings account program approved by**
21 **the state board pursuant to this Chapter shall be subject to a specific**
22 **appropriation of funds by the legislature each year for this purpose.**

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