

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 904

BY REPRESENTATIVE CHENEVERT

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:2122, 2123, and 3996(B)(82) and to repeal R.S. 17:2122, 2123, and
3 3996(B)(82), relative to education; to require each public school and public
4 postsecondary education institution to submit a report relative to funding and
5 personnel used for programs related to diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging;
6 to provide for the content of the reports and submission either to the state
7 Department of Education or the Board of Regents, as applicable; to require the
8 department and the board to report to certain legislative committees relative to the
9 reports submitted by the schools and institutions; to provide for definitions; to
10 provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

11 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

12 Section 1. R.S. 17:2122, 2123, and 3996(B)(82) are hereby enacted to read as
13 follows:

14 §2122. Disclosure of funding and personnel; programs related to diversity, equity,
15 inclusion, and belonging; public elementary and secondary schools

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

20 (2) For purposes of this Section, "program related to diversity, equity,
21 inclusion, and belonging" means any program, activity, initiative, event, instruction,
22 action, or policy that classifies or references individuals on the basis of race, color,

sex, national origin, culture, gender identity, or sexual orientation or promotes differential or preferential treatment of individuals on the basis of such classification.

B. Each report shall include, at minimum, the following:

(1) The purpose and expected outcome of each program.

(2) A brief description of each program.

(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.

C. Each school board shall develop a written report containing the information reported by each school, disaggregated by school and by the nature of the program and the funding thereof, and shall submit its report to the state Department of Education by December 31, 2024.

D. The department shall develop a comprehensive written report containing the information reported by each board, disaggregated by school, by system, and by the nature of the program and the funding thereof, and submit its report to the House Committee on Education, Senate Committee on Education, House Committee on Appropriations, and Senate Committee on Finance by January 31, 2025.

§2123. Disclosure of funding and personnel; programs related to diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging; public postsecondary education institutions

A.(1) Each public postsecondary education institution shall submit a written report of each campus program related to diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging for the 2023-2024 fiscal year to its management board by October 31, 2024.

(2) For purposes of this Section, "program related to diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging" means any program, initiative, or office related to diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging.

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

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

(b) A brief description of each program.

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

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

4 (2) Institutions shall not include programs related to sororities or fraternities,
5 athletics, Title IX, or academic curricula in their reports.

6 C. Each management board shall develop a written report containing the
7 information reported by each institution, disaggregated by institution and by the
8 nature of the program and the funding thereof, and shall submit its report to the
9 Board of Regents by December 31, 2024.

10 D. The Board of Regents shall develop a comprehensive written report
11 containing the information reported by each management board, disaggregated by
12 institution, by system, and by the nature of the program and the funding thereof, and
13 submit its report to the House Committee on Education, Senate Committee on
14 Education, House Committee on Appropriations, and Senate Committee on Finance
15 by January 31, 2025.

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17 §3996. Charter schools; exemptions; requirements

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19 B. Notwithstanding any state law, rule, or regulation to the contrary and
20 except as may be otherwise specifically provided for in an approved charter, a
21 charter school established and operated in accordance with the provisions of this
22 Chapter and its approved charter and the school's officers and employees shall be
23 exempt from all statutory mandates or other statutory requirements that are
24 applicable to public schools and to public school officers and employees except for
25 the following laws otherwise applicable to public schools with the same grades:

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27 (82) Reports on programs related to diversity, equity, inclusion, and
28 belonging, R.S. 17:2122.

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1 Section 2. R.S. 17:2122, 2123, and 3996(B)(82) are hereby repealed in their entirety.

2 Section 3.(A) Section 1 and this Section of this Act shall become effective upon
3 signature of this Act by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of
4 the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by
5 Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If this Act is vetoed by the governor
6 and subsequently approved by the legislature, Section 1 and this Section of this Act shall
7 become effective on the day following such approval.

8 (B) Section 2 of this Act shall become effective on February 1, 2025.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____