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HOUSE BILL NO. 185

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Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

SCHOOLS/FINANCE-MFP: Provides for the methodology the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education uses to count students for purposes of the minimum foundation program (MFP) formula

AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:7(2)(b), relative to the minimum foundation program; to require the State 3 Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to use a methodology based on 4 average daily attendance to count students for purposes of the minimum foundation 5 program formula; to require the state board to adopt rules for implementation; and 6 to provide for related matters. 7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana: 8 Section 1. R.S. 17:7(2)(b) is hereby enacted to read as follows: 9 §7. Duties, functions, and responsibilities of board 10 In addition to the authorities granted by R.S. 17:6 and any powers, duties, and 11 responsibilities vested by any other applicable laws, the board shall: 12 13 (2) 14 15 (b) Develop and implement a methodology that uses average daily 16 attendance for the purpose of establishing the base student count for state funding in 17 the minimum foundation program formula. For purposes of this Subparagraph, 18 average daily attendance means aggregate days of student attendance during the

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school year divided by the number of days that school is in session. The state board

shall adopt rules for the implementation of this Subparagraph.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education to use an average daily attendance methodology to determine student counts for purposes of the minimum foundation program formula.

<u>Present constitution</u> provides for public elementary and secondary education funding through the minimum foundation program (MFP) formula, which is adopted by the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) and submitted to the legislature for approval. (The formula has historically provided for specific count dates in Feb. and Oct. and has identified students eligible to be counted for funding purposes using the definition of "student membership" provided in <u>present administrative rule</u>.)

<u>Proposed law</u> requires BESE to develop and implement a methodology that uses average daily attendance for the purpose of establishing the base student count for state funding in the MFP formula. Defines average daily attendance as the aggregate days of student attendance during the school year divided by the number of days that school is in session. Requires BESE to adopt rules for proposed law implementation.

(Adds R.S. 17:7(2)(b))