

HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Education to Original House Bill No. 1347
by Representative Austin Badon

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 3, after "through" and before "relative" change "4026," to "4025,"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 3, after "educational" and before "to establish" change "choice;" to "options
for parents and other legal guardians;"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 14, after "through" and before "is" change "4026" to "4025,"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, at the end of line 18, change "Scholarship" to "Scholarships"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 2, line 8, after "nonpublic" and before "in" change "education" to "schools"

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 2, line 9, after "Louisiana" and before "a" change "makes" to "make"

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 2, line 14, after "Louisiana's" and before "school" delete "urban"

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 2, at the end of line 16, delete "urban"

AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 2, line 17, after "are" and before "academically" delete "currently"

AMENDMENT NO. 10

On page 2, between lines 19 and 20, add the following:

"(5) Academically acceptable public schools located in
parishes physically contiguous to parishes in which the public school
system has been found to be academically in crisis can serve as
quality alternatives for students attending low-performing public
schools."

AMENDMENT NO. 11

On page 2, line 21, after "indicated," delete the remainder of the line and delete line 22 and
insert "the following terms shall mean:"

1 AMENDMENT NO. 12

2 On page 2, delete lines 23 through 27 in their entirety and insert the following:

3 "(1) "Covered district" means a local public school system
4 which meets all of the following criteria:

5 (a) Has been found to be academically in crisis pursuant to
6 R.S. 17:10.6.

7 (b) Has had schools transferred to the jurisdiction of the
8 Recovery School District pursuant to R.S. 17:10.7.

9 (c) Is located in a parish with a population of at least four
10 hundred seventy-five thousand persons according to the latest federal
11 decennial census."

12 AMENDMENT NO. 13

13 On page 3, line 3, after "exceed" and before "hundred" change "three" to "two hundred fifty"

14 AMENDMENT NO. 14

15 On page 3, line 4, after "budget," and before "and" insert "is eligible to participate in the
16 federal free and reduced cost lunch program,"

17 AMENDMENT NO. 15

18 On page 3, line 4, after "who" delete the remainder of the line and delete lines 5 through 8
19 in their entirety and insert the following:

20 "meets any one of the following criteria:

21 (a) Is entering kindergarten.

22 (b) Was enrolled in a public school located within a covered
23 district during the previous school year in a program eligible grade.

24 (c) Received a scholarship pursuant to this Chapter in the
25 previous school year and remains otherwise eligible."

26 AMENDMENT NO. 16

27 On page 3, line 10, after "enroll" and before "pursuant" change "students receiving
28 scholarships" to "eligible students"

29 AMENDMENT NO. 17

30 On page 3, line 11, after "Chapter" and before "or" delete the comma "`,`"

31 AMENDMENT NO. 18

32 On page 3, at the end of line 11, change "the" to "a"

33 AMENDMENT NO. 19

34 On page 3, at the end of line 12, after "enroll" and before "students" insert "eligible"

35 AMENDMENT NO. 20

1 On page 3, at the beginning of line 13, delete "receiving scholarships"

2 AMENDMENT NO. 21

3 On page 3, line 16, between "awarded to" and "an" insert "a parent or other legal guardian
4 on behalf of"

5 AMENDMENT NO. 22

6 On page 3, at the end of line 17, change "the program." to "this Chapter."

7 AMENDMENT NO. 23

8 On page 3, line 20, after "Education" change the comma "," to a period "." and delete the
9 remainder of the line and delete line 21 in its entirety

10 AMENDMENT NO. 24

11 On page 3, at the beginning of line 23, change "The" to "In administering the program
12 pursuant to this Chapter, the"

13 AMENDMENT NO. 25

14 On page 3, line 25, after "to" and before "eligible" insert "parents or other legal guardians
15 of"

16 AMENDMENT NO. 26

17 On page 4, at the beginning of line 4, after "(5)" and before "scholarship" change "Make"
18 to "Remit"

19 AMENDMENT NO. 27

20 On page 4, at the end of line 6, change "non-public" to "nonpublic"

21 AMENDMENT NO. 28

22 On page 4, delete lines 12 and 13 in their entirety and insert the following:

23 "(8) For students enrolled in the program, annually verify the
24 eligibility status of each student and notify his parent or other legal
25 guardian of his status by not later than June thirtieth."

26 AMENDMENT NO. 29

27 On page 4, at the beginning of line 19, change "would have received for the eligible student"
28 to "receives"

29 AMENDMENT NO. 30

30 On page 4, line 20, after "educating" and before "student" change "the" to "a"

31 AMENDMENT NO. 31

32 On page 4, delete lines 23 and 24 in their entirety and on line 25 delete "education students
33 in Subsection A of this Section." and insert "to special education funding provided to a
34 covered district for such a student from federal sources."

35 AMENDMENT NO. 32

1 On page 4, line 26, after "this" and before "shall" change "program" to "Chapter"

2 AMENDMENT NO. 33

3 On page 5, line 1, after "awarded to" and before "eligible" insert "parents or other legal
4 guardians of"

5 AMENDMENT NO. 34

6 On page 5, line 7, after "eligible" and before "shall" change "student, who" to "student. The
7 parent or other legal guardian"

8 AMENDMENT NO. 35

9 On page 5, at the end of line 11, add the following:

10 "Payments shall be based on per pupil count dates as determined by the
11 department. No refunds shall be made to the department or to the parent or
12 other legal guardian if the eligible student withdraws from the program or is
13 otherwise not enrolled prior to the next count date."

14 AMENDMENT NO. 36

15 On page 5, at the beginning of line 13, after "A." and before "eligible" change "Students are"
16 to "For the 2008-2009 academic year, students shall be"

17 AMENDMENT NO. 37

18 On page 5, at the beginning of line 14, after "kindergarten" and before "or" delete the comma
19 " , "

20 AMENDMENT NO. 38

21 On page 5, line 16, after "twelve" and before "eligible" change "are" to "shall be"

22 AMENDMENT NO. 39

23 On page 5, line 16, after "additional" and before "are" change "grades" to "grade levels"

24 AMENDMENT NO. 40

25 On page 5, line 20, after "twelve." and before "Student" insert the following:

26 "As the 2008-2009 cohort of eligible students advances in grade level, one
27 additional grade level of eligibility shall be added to the program, beginning
28 in 2009-2010."

29 AMENDMENT NO. 41

30 On page 5, at the beginning of line 28, change "does" to "shall"

31 AMENDMENT NO. 42

32 On page 6, line 2, after "of" and before "intent" change "their" to "its"

33 AMENDMENT NO. 43

34 On page 6, at the end of line 9, delete the colon ":" and add "meet both of the following
35 criteria:"

1 AMENDMENT NO. 44

2 On page 6, delete lines 14 and 15 in their entirety

3 AMENDMENT NO. 45

4 On page 6, line 19, after "a" and before "school" insert "participating"

5 AMENDMENT NO. 46

6 On page 6, at the end of line 21, change the period "." to a comma "," and add "and such
7 students shall be given preference for enrollment at other participating schools."

8 AMENDMENT NO. 47

9 On page 6, at the beginning of line 23, change "A" to "Each"

10 AMENDMENT NO. 48

11 On page 6, line 24, after "days" delete the remainder of the line and at the beginning of line
12 25, delete "student," and insert "after the scholarship program admissions period as
13 scheduled by the department."

14 AMENDMENT NO. 49

15 On page 7, at the end of line 3, add the following:

16 "Participating schools shall notify the department of any eligible student not
17 selected by random selection so that the department may notify those
18 students of other participating schools with an available seat. In the event
19 that the student not selected does not wish to enroll in another participating
20 school, the school shall add the student to a waiting list so that he may be
21 enrolled when a seat becomes available. Students may remain on more than
22 one participating school's waiting list; however, upon enrolling in a
23 participating school, their names shall be removed from waiting lists
24 maintained by other participating schools.

25 (3) Notify the department of eligible students enrolled."

26 AMENDMENT NO. 50

27 On page 7, at the beginning of line 4, change "(3) Submit" to "(4) Submit to the
28 department"

29 AMENDMENT NO. 51

30 On page 7, line 6, after "presents" delete the remainder of the line and at the beginning of
31 line 7, delete "Education." and insert "the participating school's actual cost of educating a
32 student."

33 AMENDMENT NO. 52

34 On page 7, at the beginning of line 9, change "(4)" to "(5)"

35 AMENDMENT NO. 53

36 On page 7, between lines 12 and 13 insert the following:

1 ~~"(6) Upon enrolling eligible students pursuant to this~~
2 ~~Chapter, allow such students to remain enrolled in the school if the~~
3 ~~school voluntarily withdraws from the program. However, students~~
4 ~~may be expelled from the school according to the school's discipline~~
5 ~~policy or disqualified from enrollment in subsequent years if the~~
6 ~~student is no longer eligible for the program as determined by the~~
7 ~~department.~~

8 ~~(7) Prior to enrollment, inform the parent or other legal~~
9 ~~guardian of an eligible student of any and all rules, policies, and~~
10 ~~procedures of such school, including but not limited to academic~~
11 ~~policies, disciplinary rules, and procedures of the school. Enrollment~~
12 ~~of an eligible student in a participating school constitutes acceptance~~
13 ~~of any such rules, policies, and procedures of such school."~~

14 AMENDMENT NO. 54

15 On page 7, line 13, after "§4023." delete the remainder of the line and insert "Testing"

16 AMENDMENT NO. 55

17 On page 7, delete lines 14 through 28 in their entirety and on page 8, delete lines 1 through
18 14 in their entirety and insert "A"

19 AMENDMENT NO. 56

20 On page 8, line 15, after "school" and before "administer" change "may" to "shall"

21 AMENDMENT NO. 57

22 On page 8, delete line 16 and insert "to eligible students in the third through twelfth grades."

23 AMENDMENT NO. 58

24 On page 8, at the beginning of line 17, change "§4025." to "§4024."

25 AMENDMENT NO. 59

26 On page 8, at the beginning of line 23, change "§4026." to "§4025."

27 AMENDMENT NO. 60

28 On page 8, line 25, after "promulgate" and before "rules" delete "such"

29 AMENDMENT NO. 61

30 On page 8, line 25, after "regulations" and before "to" change "as are necessary" to "in
31 accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act"