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HOUSE BILL NO. 78

BY REPRESENTATIVE EDWARDS

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

EDUCATION ACCOUNTABILITY: Provides relative to the auditing of school systems which are academically in crisis

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:10.6(G), relative to school and district accountability; to
3 provide relative to the auditing of a school system which is academically in crisis;
4 and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 17:10.6(G) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §10.6. School and district accountability; school systems academically in crisis;
8 definitions; audit and accounting requirements

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10 G. If found to be academically in crisis, a local system shall remain so until
11 the academic performance of the students in the system has improved sufficiently to
12 improve the school performance sufficiently that the system is no longer defined as
13 academically in crisis and ~~all audit findings are corrected~~ the system has an
14 unqualified audit opinion, in accordance with generally accepted government
15 auditing standards, on the annual independent audit report required by Subsection E
16 of this Section.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Changes, with respect to auditing, the conditions that must be met for a school system to no longer be defined as academically in crisis.

Present law, when a school system is academically in crisis, requires the school board to select and contract with an independent licensed CPA to conduct an audit of the system's finances and financial practices and requires that the audit report be submitted to the local board, local superintendent, and legislative auditor. Further provides that if found to be academically in crisis, the system shall remain so until the following conditions are met:

- (1) The academic performance of the students has improved sufficiently to improve the school performance sufficiently that the system is no longer defined as academically in crisis; and
- (2) All audit findings are corrected.

Proposed law retains present law except deletes the condition described in (2) above and replaces it with the following condition:

- (2) The system has an unqualified audit opinion, in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards, on the annual independent audit report that is required by present law.

(Amends R.S. 17:10.6(G))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Education to the original bill.

1. Provides that the unqualified audit opinion shall be in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards rather than generally accepted accounting principles.