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## DIGEST

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HB No. 115

**Abstract:** Allows parents to submit petitions to BESE for the return to the local school system of certain schools that were transferred to the RSD.

Present law (R.S. 17:10.5) provides for the transfer to the Recovery School District (RSD), subject to approval by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE), of schools that have been labeled academically unacceptable for four consecutive years or failed schools for which the local school board has failed to present or implement an acceptable reconstitution plan under the school accountability program. Provides that the RSD shall retain jurisdiction of any school transferred to it for not less than five school years. Requires the RSD to report to BESE at least nine months prior to the expiration of the transfer period as to whether the school should continue in the RSD under certain conditions, close, or be returned to the transferring school system. Provides that the RSD shall retain the school for an additional five-year period upon BESE approval unless a lesser time is adopted by BESE.

Proposed law retains present law and adds that parents of students attending a school in the RSD with a letter grade of "D" or "F" for three consecutive years while in the RSD may submit a petition to BESE requesting that the school be transferred from the RSD back to the local school system from which it was transferred. Requires signatures of parents representing at least a majority of the students attending the school. Requires BESE to adopt rules and regulations for implementation of the petition process, including a petition format and submission process, signature validation procedures, and student transfer procedures. Prohibits the use of local school and school district resources to support or oppose any effort by parents to gather signatures or sign petitions.

(Adds R.S. 17:10.5(G))