
DIGEST

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Pope

HB No. 230

Abstract: Requires that for a student entering kindergarten to be eligible to participate in the voucher program, the public school he would have otherwise attended or the RSD school he enrolled in must have received a "C", "D", or "F" for the most recent school year under the school and district accountability system.

Present law, relative to the Student Scholarships for Educational Excellence Program, defines "eligible student" as a student who resides in La., is a member of a family with a total income that does not exceed 250% of the federal poverty guidelines and who meets any one of the following criteria:

- (1) Is entering kindergarten and has enrolled in the local school system in which the public school he would have otherwise attended is located or has enrolled in a school under the jurisdiction of the Recovery School District (RSD).
- (2) Was enrolled in a public school in La. the previous school year and such school received a letter grade of "C", "D", or "F" or any variation thereof, for the most recent year pursuant to the school and district accountability system.
- (3) Received a scholarship in the previous school year.

Proposed law retains present law except specifies that for a student entering kindergarten (criterion (1) above) to be eligible, the public school he would have attended or the RSD school he enrolled in shall have received a letter grade of "C", "D", or "F" or any variation thereof, for the most recent year pursuant to the school and district accountability system.

(Amends R.S. 17:4013(2)(a))