

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE BILL NO. 242

BY REPRESENTATIVES CARTER AND SMITH

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

STUDENT/LOANS-SCHOLARSHIP: Authorizes the state superintendent of education to make certain adjustments to the Student Scholarships for Educational Excellence Program accountability system

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:4015(9), relative to adjustments by the state superintendent  
3 of education to the Student Scholarships for Educational Excellence Program  
4 accountability system; to authorize the state superintendent of education to make  
5 adjustments to certain targets and thresholds in the program accountability system;  
6 and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 17:4015(9) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

9 §4015. Program administration

10 In administering the program pursuant to this Chapter, the department shall:

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12 (9) On or before August 1, 2012, develop criteria for participation that  
13 includes an accountability system for participating students at participating schools.  
14 After August 1, 2012, the accountability system shall not be altered except by an act  
15 of the legislature, except for adjustments to individual numeric performance targets  
16 and thresholds made by the state superintendent of education pursuant to rules and  
17 regulations adopted by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education as  
18 provided in R.S. 17:4025(A).

1           Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
2 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
3 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
4 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
5 effective on the day following such approval.

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#### DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Authorizes the state superintendent of education to make adjustments to individual numeric performance targets and thresholds in the accountability system for the Student Scholarships for Educational Excellence (voucher) Program.

Present law, relative to administration of the Student Scholarships for Educational Excellence (voucher) Program, requires the state Dept. of Education to develop criteria for participation that includes an accountability system for participating students at participating schools. Prohibits any changes to the accountability system except by an act of the legislature. Proposed law retains present law and permits changes to the numeric performance targets and thresholds in the accountability system by the state superintendent of education and requires that such changes be made pursuant to rules and regulations adopted by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 17:4015(9))