
DIGEST

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HB No. 248

Abstract: Relative to the voucher program, requires that scholarship recipients annually meet the family income level eligibility criteria for program participation.

Present law relative to the Student Scholarships for Educational Excellence (voucher) Program, defines eligible students as those residing in La. from families with a total income not exceeding 250% of the current federal poverty guidelines who are entering kindergarten, were enrolled in a La. public school that had a letter grade of C, D, or F, or received a scholarship the previous school year. Provides that scholarship recipients shall remain eligible to receive scholarships in each succeeding year that they remain enrolled in a participating school through grade 12. Provides requirements for program administration by the state Dept. of Education, including but not limited to determining student eligibility for scholarships.

Proposed law retains present law except requires that a scholarship recipient meet the present law family income level eligibility criteria each year in order to participate in the program. Proposed law further requires that the state Dept. of Education annually verify the eligibility status of each scholarship recipient.

(Amends R.S. 17:4015(1) and 4018)