The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jeanne C. Johnston.

## **DIGEST**

Proposed law creates the "Immersion School Choice Act" and provides as follows:

- (1) Authorizes a local public school board to establish a foreign language immersion program in any school under its jurisdiction that shall be open to the enrollment of any student who resides within the jurisdictional boundaries of the school district.
- (2) Provides that, beginning with the 2014-2015 school year, a local public school board, if requested through a petition signed by the parent or legal guardian of at least 25 students enrolled in kindergarten who reside within the jurisdictional boundaries of the school district, shall establish a foreign language immersion program for such students, provided the parent or legal guardian of each student commits, in writing, that the student will participate in the program. Further provides that such program shall be continued as long as at least 20 students remain enrolled in the program.

Effective August 1, 2013.

(Adds R.S. 17:273.3)