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## DIGEST

Appel (SB 149)

Present law provides for the Louisiana Systemic Initiatives Program (LaSIP) composed of activities designed to improve mathematics and science education, pursuant to an agreement with the National Science Foundation (NSF). Further provides that such activities shall include professional development for teachers, teacher certification, assessment of curricula and curricular materials, educational technology, community partnerships, evaluation, information dissemination, and equity and diversity issues.

Present law creates the LaSIP Council to administer the program and authorizes the council to employ staff to implement LaSIP programs and projects. Provides that the council be composed of 26 members (designated individually by virtue of their position or office or representing specified organizations) from all facets of elementary and secondary and postsecondary education, including educators, administrators, parents, policymakers, and professional and labor organizations.

Present law directs the legislature to appropriate annually funds awarded to the program, including funds awarded to the program by the National Science Foundation and state matching funds as provided in the state's agreement with the NSF. Further provides that such funding be allocated in a manner consistent with Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and Board of Regents' policies and the state's agreement with the NSF.

Proposed law repeals present law.

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

(Repeals R.S. 17:2751-2759 and R.S. 36:651(D)(6))