SLS 14RS-879 **ORIGINAL**

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE BILL NO. 561

BY SENATOR BROWN

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SCHOOLS. Provides that student athletes who participate in certain team sports for three or more years shall be awarded athletic letters and related awards, certificates, and other specified indicia. (gov sig)

AN ACT

2	To enact R.S. 17:176(F), relative to extracurricular activities; to provide relative to
3	interscholastic athletics and the recognition and indicia related to student
4	participation in certain high school interscholastic athletic activities; to provide for
5	effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.
6	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
7	Section 1. R.S. 17:176(F) is hereby enacted to read as follows:
8	§176. Extracurricular activities; interscholastic athletics; participation; athletic
9	<u>letters</u> ; standards; prohibitions; filming or videotaping; definitions
10	* * *
11	F. Effective for the 2013-2014 school year and thereafter, any student
12	who is a member of a team that participates in a high school interscholastic
13	athletic activity for which participation letters are awarded shall be awarded
14	his athletic letter and shall be entitled to receive any related award, certificate
15	patch, badge, and other indicia made available to a student athlete in
16	recognition for such team participation, provided the student is a member of the
17	team for three or more years.

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

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

DIGEST

Brown (SB 561)

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<u>Proposed law</u> provides that effective for the 2013-2014 school year and thereafter, any student who is a member of a team that participates in a high school interscholastic athletic activity for which participation letters are awarded shall be awarded his athletic letter and shall be entitled to receive any related award, certificate, patch, badge, and other indicia made available to a student athlete in recognition for such team participation, provided the student is a member of the team for three or more years.

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

(Adds R.S. 17:176(F))