

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE BILL NO. 31

BY SENATOR BROWN

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT. Requires DOE to report annually specified information regarding the Student Scholarships for Educational Excellence Program to state legislators. (gov sig)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:4024, relative to the Student Scholarships for Educational  
3 Excellence Program; to require the Department of Education to report annually  
4 certain information regarding the program to state legislators; and to provide for  
5 related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 17:4024 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §4024. Reports

9 A. The department annually shall report to the Senate Committee on  
10 Education, the House Committee on Education, and the Joint Legislative Committee  
11 on the Budget regarding the implementation of the program, including the number  
12 of eligible students receiving scholarships, a list of participating schools and the  
13 number of scholarship recipients each such school enrolled, and aggregate test result  
14 data for the scholarship recipients enrolled in each participating school. **The report**  
15 **shall also include a list of all participating schools grouped by legislative district.**

16 **B. Not later than April thirtieth of each year, the department shall send**  
17 **a printed copy of the report required by this Section to each member of the**

1           **legislature.**

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

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

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#### DIGEST

Brown (SB 31)

Present law requires the Department of Education (DOE) to report annually to the Senate Committee on Education, the House Committee on Education, and the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget regarding the implementation of the Student Scholarships for Educational Excellence Program, including the number of eligible students receiving scholarships, a list of participating schools and the number of scholarship recipients each such school enrolled, and aggregate test result data for the scholarship recipients enrolled in each participating school.

Proposed law retains present law and additionally requires that the report include a list of all participating schools grouped by legislative district.

Proposed law requires the Dept. of Education to send a printed copy of the report to each member of the legislature not later than April 30<sup>th</sup> of each year.

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

(Amends R.S. 17:4024)

#### Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

##### Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Education to the original bill

1. Deletes requirement for preparation of a separate report for legislators and instead requires that the Dept. of Education report contain a list of participating schools grouped by legislative district.
2. Requires the Dept. of Education to send a printed copy of the report to each legislator not later than April 30<sup>th</sup> of each year.