

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 180

BY REPRESENTATIVE DOVE

SCHOOLS: Authorizes Montessori programs to extend through high school

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3402(D)(1), relative to Montessori schools; to authorize the  
3 extension of Montessori school programs through high school; and to provide for  
4 related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 17:3402(D)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §3402. Minimum requirements for school certification; admission policies;  
8 environment; program

9 The minimum requirements for certification as a Montessori school shall be  
10 as follows:

11 \* \* \*

12 D. The program

13 The requirements for the program are:

14 (1) Montessori Junior School begins at six years of age and continues  
15 through the age of ~~fourteen~~ eighteen years, approximately. Thus, the junior school  
16 encompasses the child's learning experience from kindergarten ~~to~~ through high  
17 school.

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**DIGEST**

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**Abstract:** Authorizes the extension of Montessori school programs through high school.

Present law provides with respect to Montessori schools and teachers. Further provides requirements with respect to school certification, admission policies, environment, and the Junior School program.

Present law provides that the Montessori Junior School begins at six years of age and continues through the age of 14, approximately. Further provides that the junior school encompasses the child's learning experience from kindergarten to high school.

Proposed law provides that a Montessori program may include students through age 18 and that the junior school encompasses the child's learning experience from kindergarten through high school. Otherwise retains present law.

(Amends R.S. 17:3402(D)(1))