

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 provide relative to program reporting requirements; to
4 require the Department of Education to report annually certain information regarding
5 the program to state legislators and certain legislative committees; and to provide for
6 related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

9 §4024. Reports

10 A. The department annually shall report to the Senate Committee on
11 Education, the House Committee on Education, ~~and~~ the Joint Legislative Committee
12 on the Budget, **and each individual legislator** regarding the implementation of the
13 program, ~~including the number of eligible students receiving scholarships, a list of~~
14 ~~participating schools and the number of scholarship recipients each such school~~
15 ~~enrolled, and aggregate test result data for the scholarship recipients enrolled in each~~
16 ~~participating school.~~ **The report, at a minimum, shall include the following**
17 **information:**

1 **(1) The total number of students receiving scholarships.**

2 **(2) A list of all schools participating in the program.**

3 **(3) A list of all schools participating in the program grouped by**
 4 **legislative district.**

5 **(4) The total student enrollment of each participating school, the**
 6 **number of scholarship recipients enrolled in each school, and the percentage of**
 7 **the total enrollment of each school represented by scholarship recipients.**

8 **(5) Aggregate test result data for the scholarship recipients enrolled in**
 9 **each participating school.**

10 **B. Not later than April thirtieth of each year, the department shall send**
 11 **a printed copy of the report required by this Section to each legislative**
 12 **committee as provided in Subsection A of this Section and to each member of**
 13 **the legislature.**

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

The original instrument was prepared by Jeanne Johnston. The following
 digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was
 prepared by Ann S. Brown.

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 adds each individual legislator to the list of entities that DOE must report to annually.

Proposed law retains present law and additionally requires that the report include a list of all participating schools grouped by legislative district and the percentage of the total enrollment of each school represented by scholarship recipients.

Proposed law requires the DOE to send a printed copy of the report to each member of the legislature and to certain legislative committees not later than April 30th 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 30th of each year.

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Adds individual legislators to list of entities that DOE must report to.
2. Adds information that must be included in the annual report.
3. Requires that a printed copy of the report shall be sent to certain legislative committees.