
HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Education to Original House Bill No. 1177
by Representative Carter

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 20, between "systems" and "additional" change "face" to "create"

3 AMENDMENT NO. 2

4 On page 1, at the end of line 20, delete "due" and on page 2, at the beginning of line 1, delete
5 "to system size"

6 AMENDMENT NO. 3

7 On page 2, line 2, after "that" delete the remainder of the line and insert in lieu thereof
8 "would further improve student achievement. The legislature further finds that concurrent
9 existence of several smaller school districts and a large school district within a parish
10 indicates a desire by the parish population to have more local control over that parish's
11 public schools."

12 AMENDMENT NO. 4

13 On page 2, delete lines 8 through 12 and insert in lieu thereof, "C. For purposes of this
14 Subpart, a large school system is defined as the largest school system in a parish, according
15 to the latest Louisiana Department of Education October total enrollment count, that is
16 served by at least three public school districts and that has a population in excess of four
17 hundred forty thousand persons as established by the most recent federal decennial census."

18 AMENDMENT NO. 5

19 On page 2, line 16, between "law" and "in" insert a comma "," and "except R.S. 17:158,"

20 AMENDMENT NO. 6

21 On page 3, line 10 between "postemployment" and "obligations" change "financial" to
22 "health-care"

23 AMENDMENT NO. 7

24 On page 3, line 22, after "funds for" delete the remainder of the line and on line 23, delete
25 "legacy costs, and bonded indebtedness." and insert in lieu thereof "retiree legacy costs,
26 construction, maintenance, and repair of immovable property, and bonded indebtedness, and
27 for school system costs, including operations."

28 AMENDMENT NO. 8

29 On page 3, at the end of line 25, delete "as provided for in R.S. 17:1224." and insert in lieu
30 thereof a period "."

31 AMENDMENT NO. 9

32 On page 3, delete lines 26 through 28 and on page 4, delete lines 1 and 2 and insert in lieu
33 thereof:

1 "(4) Except as provided in Subsection B of this Section, allocation
 2 of all funds available to the school system to individual schools on a
 3 per-pupil basis. Allocation of funds received via the Minimum Foundation
 4 Program shall be allocated per-pupil according to weights for special
 5 characteristics or needs as provided in the Minimum Foundation Program
 6 formula. All unrestricted funds shall be allocated per-pupil according to
 7 weights for special characteristics or needs as determined to be equitable by
 8 the local school board. All funds subject to use restrictions shall be allocated
 9 per-pupil in such a way as to fulfill their restricted use, as deemed equitable
 10 by the local school board. In determining per-pupil allocations, the local
 11 school board shall give due consideration to funding the needs of student
 12 populations having special needs or characteristics, including but not limited
 13 to students with severe disabilities and at-risk students."

14 AMENDMENT NO. 10

15 On page 4, line 11, after "R.S. 17:134." add "Enrollment zone policies shall include
 16 provisions that limit midyear enrollment changes caused by student change in address."

17 AMENDMENT NO. 11

18 On page 4, line 13, between "retain" and "a" insert "revenue for payment of retiree legacy
 19 costs, construction, maintenance, and repair of immovable property, and bonded
 20 indebtedness, and, in addition, shall annually retain"

21 AMENDMENT NO. 12

22 On page 4, line 16, after "Section" delete the comma "," and delete the remainder of the line
 23 and insert in lieu thereof a period "." and "Retained funds shall be used for their intended
 24 purpose."

25 AMENDMENT NO. 13

26 On page 4, line 26, between "and" and "goals" change "accountability" to "performance"

27 AMENDMENT NO. 14

28 On page 5, delete lines 7 through 19, and insert in lieu thereof:

29 "(10) Provide support and operations services for schools on a
 30 charge-back basis, including but not limited to: student food services, student
 31 transportation services, financial and accounting services, student appraisal
 32 for special education services, student transportation services, special
 33 services for at-risk students, special education services other than gifted and
 34 talented, gifted and talented student services, custodial and maintenance
 35 services, media services, technology services, library services, student health
 36 services, and health benefits for active employees. Prior to the start of each
 37 school year, the superintendent shall provide to each principal an invoice
 38 detailing the itemized per-unit cost of all support and operations services the
 39 superintendent may provide to the principal's school during that school year.
 40 The principal may opt out of any service provided by the superintendent via
 41 a written notification, and then retain one hundred percent of the cost of such
 42 service as part of the school's operating budget. Annually, the superintendent
 43 shall prepare and submit to each principal a written report detailing the actual
 44 cost of the services provided to the school and shall prepare and submit a
 45 summary of this report to the school board."

1 AMENDMENT NO. 15

2 On page 5, between lines 23 and 24, insert:

3 "(14) Annually create and submit to the local school board a report
 4 of district progress which shall include but not be limited to data on student
 5 growth, student achievement, number and percentage of students enrolled in
 6 and any excess capacity in schools meeting statewide proficiency standards,
 7 enrollment trends including transfers into and out of the school system from
 8 and to private schools, excess demand and capacity for each available
 9 magnet, special education, alternative, and each other special program, and
 10 satisfaction of parents, guardians, teachers, and principals.

11 (15) Provide administrative guidelines to principals concerning
 12 relevant laws, policies, and regulations.

13 (16) Work with principals and the community to strategically map
 14 programs in local schools to ensure adequate availability of special education
 15 programs.

16 AMENDMENT NO. 16

17 On page 5, line 28, between "for" and "goals" change "clear accountability" to
 18 "performance"

19 AMENDMENT NO. 17

20 On page 6, delete lines 3 and 4, and insert in lieu thereof "duration of each management
 21 contract shall be no more than two years, and management contracts may be terminated for
 22 failure to meet the performance goals specified in the contract and for willful neglect of
 23 duty, incompetency, dishonesty, or immorality. No principal shall suffer any disciplinary
 24 action for exercising any right or power or performing any duty or function granted to or
 25 authorized for principals by this Subpart."

26 AMENDMENT NO. 18

27 On page 6, line 20, between "at least" and "community-based" change "three" to "five"

28 AMENDMENT NO. 19

29 On page 6, line 23, after "resides," and before "access" insert "and"

30 AMENDMENT NO. 20

31 On page 6, line 23, after "zones," and before "access" delete "and" and insert in lieu thereof
 32 "including but not limited to"

33 AMENDMENT NO. 21

34 On page 6, line 24, between "programs" and "and special" insert a comma "," and
 35 "alternative schools and programs,"

36 AMENDMENT NO. 22

37 On page 6, line 27, after "(3)" delete the remainder of the line and insert in lieu thereof
 38 "Charter schools located within the geographical boundaries of the school system shall be
 39 included as an"

40 AMENDMENT NO. 23

41 On page 6, below line 29, insert:

1 "(4) The enrollment system shall not assign a child to any school
2 system, charter, or Recovery School District school. If a student's parent or
3 legal guardian fails to choose a school through the enrollment system, the
4 school system shall assign the student to a school with excess capacity."

5 AMENDMENT NO. 24

6 On page 7, at the end of line 2, delete "chief executive" and at the beginning of line 3, delete
7 "officer." and insert in lieu thereof "leader."

8 AMENDMENT NO. 25

9 On page 7, delete lines 14 through 24 and insert in lieu thereof:

10 "(3) Creating and maintaining an environment conducive to learning
11 by creation and implementation of policies and procedures related to student
12 discipline and to health and safety for students, teachers, and other school
13 personnel.

14 (4) Serving as the school's instructional leader, tailoring instructional
15 activities to the unique needs of the school's student population, including
16 development or purchase of a standards-based school curriculum and related
17 training, determining and implementing instruction methods, materials, and
18 support, choosing examinations and assessments except as otherwise
19 required by law, determining the school schedule, engaging instructional
20 staff in sharing information, analyzing outcomes, and directing improvement,
21 and providing feedback to instructional staff in the form of data and
22 evaluations.

23 (5) Managing school resources and procurement to address the
24 unique needs of the school's student population, tailoring purchases of
25 materials, products and services and managing other resources as appropriate
26 for fostering positive student outcomes. Principals may work
27 collaboratively, pooling resources and funds to jointly procure such
28 materials, products, and services.

29 (6) Providing public information about the school through news
30 media and other forms of communication to the school's community."

31 AMENDMENT NO. 26

32 On page 7, line 25, change "(12) Compliance" to "(7) Complying"

33 AMENDMENT NO. 27

34 On page 7, between lines 25 and 26, insert:

35 "B. Principals may opt out of school system-provided support services as
36 provided in R.S. 17:133(D)(10)."

37 AMENDMENT NO. 28

38 On page 7, at the beginning of line 26, change "B." to "C."

39 AMENDMENT NO. 29

40 On page 8, line 2, after "examinations," and before "the American" change "including but
41 not limited to" to "such as"

42 AMENDMENT NO. 30

43 On page 8, between lines 14 and 15, insert:

1 "D. Principals may work collaboratively, pooling and sharing assets
 2 and resources including but not limited to:
 3 (1) Funds.
 4 (2) Personnel.
 5 (3) Professional development tools.
 6 (4) Instructional materials.
 7 (5) Assessment tools or services.
 8 (6) Learning technologies."

9 AMENDMENT NO. 31

10 On page 8, line 18, between "zone." and "A" insert "Councils shall be advisory only."

11 AMENDMENT NO. 32

12 On page 8, line 19, after "shall" delete the remainder of the line and insert in lieu thereof
 13 "have an advisory role, supporting principals by acting as an advocate for schools and
 14 "engaging"

15 AMENDMENT NO. 33

16 On page 9, at the end of line 1, change "eleven" to "fifteen"

17 AMENDMENT NO. 34

18 On page 9, line 6, between "zone." and "member" delete "No" and insert in lieu thereof "In
 19 "addition to the parent, guardian, community and business members, one teacher and one
 20 "principal currently employed at a school or schools within the enrollment zone shall serve
 21 "as members of the council. However, no other"

22 AMENDMENT NO. 35

23 On page 9, delete lines 18 and 19 and insert in lieu thereof the following:

24 "Section 2. The local school board of a large school system subject to the provisions
 25 of this Act shall require the superintendent of the school system to prepare for
 26 implementation of the provisions of this Act by July 1, 2017. The local school board shall
 27 require the superintendent to complete a plan for implementation of this Act and file a copy
 28 of the plan with the school board not later than August 1, 2015. The plan shall include
 29 provisions for implementation of all requirements of this Act and shall also include
 30 provisions for training for principals relative to principal empowerment. The plan may
 31 include provisions for implementation phases for particular provisions of the Act. Upon
 32 filing of the plan with the school board, the superintendent shall begin implementation.

33 Section 3. The provisions of this Act shall become effective on August 1, 2014. The
 34 Act shall be fully implemented not later than July 1, 2017."