

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE BILL NO. 683 (Substitute of Senate Bill No. 437 by Senator Morrell)

BY SENATOR MORRELL

SCHOOLS. Provides relative to student application and enrollment procedures in the Recovery School District and certain other school systems. (gov sig)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:221.1, relative to the Recovery School District and certain other public
3 school systems; to provide relative to student enrollment; to provide relative to
4 school systems with an enrollment process which utilizes a single application; to
5 provide relative to application and enrollment procedures and time lines; to provide
6 relative to notification of school enrollment information; to provide for effectiveness;
7 and to provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 17:221.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 **§221.1. Student enrollment; school systems utilizing a single application**
11 **process; requirements and time lines**

12 **A. The Recovery School District and any other public school system that**
13 **establishes an enrollment process through which students may apply to multiple**
14 **schools utilizing a single application shall comply with the following:**

15 **(1) The school system shall publish current information which provides**
16 **clear instructions regarding the application and selection process, including all**
17 **applicable time lines. This information shall also include a list of all schools**

1 within the school system that utilize the single application process to enroll
 2 students and those schools that do not participate in the single application
 3 process, thus requiring each student seeking enrollment to the school to submit
 4 a separate application.

5 (2) The school system shall develop time lines and procedures that
 6 require each school that does not participate in the single application process
 7 to complete its application and registration process at least thirty days prior to
 8 the application deadline for schools that utilize the single application to enroll
 9 students.

10 (3) The school system shall require each school that does not utilize the
 11 single application process to submit a list of all students enrolled in the school
 12 to the school system at the conclusion of the school's application and
 13 registration period.

14 B. The provisions of this Section shall be fully implemented and utilized
 15 to enroll students in the public school systems to which it is applicable beginning
 16 with the 2015-2016 school year.

17 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
 18 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
 19 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
 20 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
 21 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

Morrell (SB 683)

Proposed law provides with respect to the Recovery School District and other public school systems that establishes an enrollment process through which a student may apply to multiple schools utilizing a single application as follows:

- (1) Requires the school system to publish current information which provides clear instructions regarding the application and selection process, including all applicable time lines. Provides that this information shall also include a list of all schools within the school system that utilize the single application process to enroll students and those schools that do not participate in the single application process, thus requiring

- each student seeking enrollment to the school to submit a separate application.
- (2) Requires the school system to develop time lines and procedures that require each school that does not participate in the single application process to complete its application and registration process at least thirty days prior to the application deadline for schools that utilize the single application to enroll students.
 - (3) Provides that the school system shall require each school that does not utilize the single application process to submit a list of all students enrolled in the school to the school system at the conclusion of the school's application and registration period.
 - (4) Provides that the provisions of proposed law shall be fully implemented and utilized to enroll students in the public school systems to which it is applicable beginning with the 2015-2016 school year.

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

(Adds R.S. 17:221.1)