
DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides relative to district-level school funding policies in certain parishes.

Present law provides as follows:

- (1) Provides, beginning July 1, 2016, for a district with one or more Type 3B charter schools in a parish that contains a municipality with a population of 300,000 or more persons according to the latest federal decennial census, the total amount of minimum foundation program (MFP) formula funds allocated to the local school board and to Type 1, 1B, 3, 3B, 4, and 5 charter schools located within the district shall be allocated using a district-level computation based on student characteristics or needs as determined by the state board.
- (2) Requires the state Dept. of Education to facilitate a collaborative process including representatives from the Recovery School District, the La. Assoc. of Public Charter Schools, any affected local school board and any organization representing its authorized charter schools, and advocates for students with disabilities in the development of the district-level allocation policy that shall take effect on July 1, 2016.

Proposed law provides that notwithstanding present law:

- (1) Requires the amount of MFP formula funds allocated to such local school board and to such charter schools that serve students with exceptionalities or provide technical education courses to include the full amount of state funds allocated pursuant to the MFP formula.
- (2) Provides that if local school board or local superintendent determines that additional funds are needed to educate students with exceptionalities or students meeting additional characteristics or needs as approved by the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE), the formula by which the local portion of funds shall be allocated shall be designed to promote excellence in order that every individual may be afforded an equal opportunity to develop to his full potential and shall be in accordance with present constitution relative to the derivation of local funds.
- (3) Requires the local school board to establish regulations and procedures to ensure that students and their parents are provided procedural safeguards with respect to the provision of free and appropriate public education.
- (4) Requires that these regulations and procedures be approved by BESE prior to the distribution

of funds and allow sufficient time for the charter schools to adequately prepare for the budgetary impact of the district-level allocation policy.

(Amends R.S. 17:3995(A)(3)(b))