

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 947

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STATE DEPARTMENTS: Requires certain state entities to report to the legislature information concerning administration of the entities

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:7(22) and to enact R.S. 17:7(33) and R.S. 36:254(A)(15),
3 474(A)(13), and 645(A)(9), relative to reporting of information to the legislature
4 concerning the administration of certain state departments; to provide for duties of
5 the secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals, the secretary of the
6 Department of Children and Family Services, the state superintendent of education,
7 and the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education; to require these entities
8 to report to the legislature certain information concerning organizational matters and
9 staff salaries; to specify the period for reporting of such information; to provide for
10 technical corrections; and to provide for related matters.

11 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

12 Section 1. R.S. 17:7(22) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 17:7(33) is
13 hereby enacted to read as follows:

14 §7. Duties, functions, and responsibilities of board

15 In addition to the authorities granted by R.S. 17:6 and any powers, duties, and
16 responsibilities vested by any other applicable laws, the board shall:

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18 (22) Annually submit to each member of the legislature at the time of
19 publication an electronic copy of the state, district, school, and parent-level progress

1 profiles as required by R.S. 17:3912. Upon request, the board shall provide such
2 profiles to any legislator in the form of a paper report.

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4 (33)(a) On an annual basis, provide all of the following information to the
5 legislature no later than thirty days prior to the convening of each regular session:

6 (i) A full organizational chart for the board which is current as of the date of
7 submission to the legislature and which shows each staff position, whether filled or
8 vacant, that comprises the board.

9 (ii) The current salary of the person occupying each filled position shown on
10 the organizational chart.

11 (b) The board may submit the report required by this Paragraph in electronic
12 format, and is further authorized, but is not required, to submit the report at the time
13 of submission to the legislature of the progress profiles required by Paragraph (22)
14 of this Section.

15 Section 2. R.S. 36:254(A)(15), 474(A)(13), and 645(A)(9) are hereby enacted to read
16 as follows:

17 §254. Powers and duties of the secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals

18 A. In addition to the functions, powers, and duties otherwise vested in the
19 secretary by law, he shall:

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21 (15)(a) On an annual basis, provide all of the following information to the
22 legislature no later than thirty days prior to the convening of each regular session:

23 (i) A full organizational chart for the department which is current as of the
24 date of submission to the legislature and which shows each staff position, whether
25 filled or vacant, that comprises the department.

26 (ii) The current salary of the person occupying each filled position shown on
27 the organizational chart.

28 (b) The secretary may submit the report required by this Paragraph in
29 electronic format, and is further authorized, but is not required, to submit the report

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Extend to the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and to the Dept. of Education the requirements of proposed law for reporting to the legislature information concerning organization of personnel and staff salaries.
2. Make technical changes.