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HOUSE BILL NO. 89

BY REPRESENTATIVE BURFORD

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

EDUCATION/PRE-K: Provides relative to requirements of school systems participating in LA 4

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:24.10(D)(6) and to repeal R.S. 17:24.10(D)(7), relative to
3 early childhood education; to delete certain requirements of school systems
4 participating in the Cecil J. Picard LA 4 Early Childhood Program; and to provide
5 for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 17:24.10(D)(6) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §24.10. The Cecil J. Picard LA 4 Early Childhood Program; early childhood
9 development and enrichment activity classes; establishment; eligibility;
10 requirements; funding; study

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12 D. Each participating school system shall:

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14 ~~(6) Maintain in each year of participation pursuant to this Section the same~~
15 ~~total level of funding from any source for programs or classes of early childhood~~
16 ~~education or child care provided in the year prior to such participation.~~

17 ~~(7)~~ Provide written notice to the parent or guardian of every enrolled student
18 of the availability of enrichment activities for the students before and after the early
19 childhood education portion of the day for a total of ten hours per day, except in any

1 year when the system has been granted a waiver from making such activities
2 available pursuant to Item (C)(1)(c)(i) of this Section.

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4 Section 2. R.S. 17:24.10(D)(7) is hereby repealed in its entirety.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Deletes the requirement that school systems participating in LA 4 maintain, in each year of participation, the same level of funding from any source for early childhood education as provided in the year prior to participation.

Present law provides for early childhood development and enrichment activity classes (the Cecil J. Picard LA 4 Early Childhood Program, commonly known as LA 4) for four-year-old children in public school systems and charter schools that apply for funding and use such funding solely to provide such classes. Provides for certain requirements of school systems participating in LA 4. One such requirement is that the school systems maintain, in each year of participation, the same total level of funding from any source for programs or classes of early childhood education or child care as provided in the year prior to participation. Proposed law deletes this requirement.

(Amends R.S. 17:24.10(D)(6); Repeals R.S. 17:24.10(D)(7))