

ACT No. 361

HOUSE BILL NO. 657

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:6(A)(14)(b), relative to school employees; to prohibit school employees from being required to complete certain paperwork under certain circumstances; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 17:6(A)(14)(b) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§6. General powers of board

A. In the exercise of its supervision and control over the public elementary and secondary schools and special schools under its jurisdiction, and in the exercise of its budgetary responsibility for all funds appropriated or allocated by the state for public elementary and secondary schools and special schools placed under its jurisdiction, the board shall have authority to:

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(b) The State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education shall formulate, develop, adopt, and, by not later than the 1991-1992 school year, implement a paperwork reduction and simplification plan. The plan shall be formulated, developed, and adopted by not later than the end of the 1989-1990 school year and shall be piloted statewide by not later than the 1990-1991 school year. The plan shall be designed to eliminate and otherwise consolidate paperwork through the use of electronic data collection and processing and to simplify and reduce the number and length of written reports, statistics, and any other information required of, by, or

1 through the state board or the state Department of Education from school boards,
 2 school administrative personnel, school employees, and any other school system or
 3 entity under the jurisdiction of the board. In formulating and developing the required
 4 plan, the state board shall provide for the input and participation of all affected
 5 suppliers of data. Any paperwork reduction and simplification plan adopted by the
 6 board shall be based on a complete identification of all requirements relative to
 7 maintaining records and completing and filing reports mandated by law, regulation,
 8 or requirement of a state department, state agency, or local school board to be
 9 rendered to the state, including but not limited to any forms, reports, or records,
 10 relative to school approval or evaluation, pupil attendance, pupil health and pupil
 11 health testing, transportation of pupils, federally funded educational programs
 12 including school lunch and breakfast programs, school textbooks and supplies,
 13 library books, pupil appraisal, pupil progress, transfer of pupils, teacher certification,
 14 teacher continuing education programs, unemployment, annual school data, and any
 15 other required education-related data. The paperwork reduction and simplification
 16 plan adopted by the board also shall provide, to the greatest extent possible, for the
 17 coordination of reporting dates and for use of electronic data processing for the
 18 compiling, transmitting, and storing of data, and for monitoring of plan
 19 implementation. No school employee shall be required by any city, parish, or other
 20 local public school board, the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education,
 21 or the state Department of Education to complete paperwork if the information
 22 provided for in such paperwork is reasonably and readily available from another
 23 source.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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