

**NOTICE OF INTENT**

**Board of Elementary and Secondary Education**

Part XI. Accountability/Testing

Subpart 1. Bulletin 111—The Louisiana School, District, and State Accountability System  
(Part XI.305).

In accordance with the provisions of R.S. 17:6(A)(10) and the Administrative Procedure Act (APA), R.S. 49:953(B)(1) et seq., the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education proposes to amend LAC 28:XI:Suppart 1 in Bulletin 111 – *The Louisiana School, District, and State Accountability System*. The aforementioned revisions are in response to a request by the Board at the August 2021 meeting directing the Louisiana Department of Education to recommend policy revisions regarding Bulletin 111, §305. Transition from 2017-2018 to 2024-2025 School Performance Score (SPS) Release, which increases the minimum score required for A, B, and C letter grades by five points within a certain time period. Specifically, the revisions amend the transition grading scale beginning in 2023-2024 (2024 SPS) as opposed to 2021-2022 (2022 SPS).

**Title 28**

**EDUCATION**

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65.0-79.9	C
50.0-64.9	D
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<b>Beginning in 2024-2025 (2025 SPS) and Beyond</b>	
<b>School Performance Score</b>	<b>Letter Grade</b>
100-150	A
85-99.9	B
70-84.9	C
50-69.9	D
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AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 17:10.1.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, LR 44:447 (March 2018), LR 48:

**COMPARISON DOCUMENT**

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FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT  
FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

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Board of Elementary & Secondary Education

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Return Address: P. O. Box 94064 Rule Title: Part XI. Subpart 1. Bulletin 111 –  
Baton Rouge, LA The Louisiana School, District, and State Accountability System (Part XI.305).

Date Rule Takes Effect: Upon final adoption by BESE

SUMMARY

In accordance with Section 953 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes, there is hereby submitted a fiscal and economic impact statement on the rule proposed for adoption, repeal or amendment. THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS SUMMARIZE ATTACHED WORKSHEETS, I THROUGH IV AND WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE LOUISIANA REGISTER WITH THE PROPOSED AGENCY RULE.

I. ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

The proposed revisions will not result in costs or savings to state or local governmental units. The revisions will postpone the transition of the School Performance Score (SPS) grading scale to the 2023-2024 school year (2024 SPS) as opposed to 2021-2022 (2022 SPS). To the extent schools receive higher letter grades in the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 school years due to the proposed revisions, there may be decreased workload for district staff to develop and implement a plan for improvement in schools that avoid receiving an "Urgent Intervention Required" or "Comprehensive Intervention Required" label; however, any such impacts are indeterminable.

II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

The proposed revisions may have an indeterminable effect on revenue collections of public schools. To the extent that schools receive higher letter grades in the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 school years and are subsequently able to avoid receiving an "Urgent Intervention Required" or "Comprehensive Intervention Required" label, they would be ineligible for certain state or federal grants; however, any such impacts are indeterminable.

III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS, SMALL BUSINESSES, OR NON-GOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)

The proposed revisions will not result in costs and/or benefits to directly affected persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups.

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

The proposed revisions will not have an effect on competition and employment.

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Signature of Agency Head or Designee

*Alan M. Bodery*

Legislative Fiscal Officer or Designee

Beth Scioneaux, Deputy Superintendent for Management and Finance  
Typed Name and Title of Agency Head or Designee

1/7/2022

Date of Signature

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FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT  
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The following information is required in order to assist the Legislative Fiscal Office in its review of the fiscal and economic impact statement and to assist the appropriate legislative oversight subcommittee in its deliberation on the proposed rule.

- A. Provide a brief summary of the content of the rule (if proposed for adoption, or repeal) or a brief summary of the change in the rule (if proposed for amendment). Attach a copy of the notice of intent and a copy of the rule proposed for initial adoption or repeal (or, in the case of a rule change, copies of both the current and proposed rules with amended portions indicated).

The proposed revisions update Bulletin 111, §305. Transition from 2017-2018 to 2024-2025 School Performance Score (SPS) Release, which increases the minimum score required for A, B, and C letter grades by five points within a certain time period. Specifically, the revisions amend the transition grading scale beginning in 2023-2024 (2024 SPS) as opposed to 2021-2022 (2022 SPS).

- B. Summarize the circumstances that require this action. If the Action is required by federal regulation, attach a copy of the applicable regulation.

The proposed revisions are in response to a request by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education at the August 2021 meeting directing the Louisiana Department of Education to recommend policy revisions to the October 2021 meeting regarding Bulletin 111, §305. Transition from 2017-2018 to 2024-2025 School Performance Score (SPS) Release. This section increases the minimum score required for A, B, and C letter grades by five points within a certain time period.

- C. Compliance with Act 11 of the 1986 First Extraordinary Session.

1. Will the proposed rule change result in any increase in the expenditure of funds? If so, specify amount and source of funding.

No.

2. If the answer to (1) above is yes, has the Legislature specifically appropriated the funds necessary for the associated expenditure increase?

(a) \_\_\_\_\_ Yes. If yes, attach documentation.

(b) \_\_\_\_\_ NO. If no, provide justification as to why this rule change should be published at this time.

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

WORKSHEET

I. A. COSTS OR SAVINGS TO STATE AGENCIES RESULTING FROM THE ACTION PROPOSED

1. What is the anticipated increase (decrease) in costs to implement the proposed action?

The proposed revisions will have no effect on costs or savings to state agencies.

COSTS	FY21-22	FY22-23	FY23-24
PERSONAL SERVICES			
OPERATING EXPENSES	-0-	-0-	-0-
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES			
OTHER CHARGES			
EQUIPMENT			
MAJOR REPAIR & CONSTR.			
POSITIONS (#)			
<b>TOTAL</b>	-0-	-0-	-0-

2. Provide a narrative explanation of the costs or savings shown in "A. 1.", including the increase or reduction in workload or additional paperwork (number of new forms, additional documentation, etc.) anticipated as a result of the implementation of the proposed action. Describe all data, assumptions, and methods used in calculating these costs.

N/A

3. Sources of funding for implementing the proposed rule or rule change.

SOURCE	FY21-22	FY22-23	FY23-24
STATE GENERAL FUND	-0-	-0-	-0-
AGENCY SELF-GENERATED	-0-	-0-	-0-
DEDICATED			
FEDERAL FUNDS	-0-	-0-	-0-
OTHER (Specify)			
<b>TOTAL</b>	-0-	-0-	-0-

4. Does your agency currently have sufficient funds to implement the proposed action? If not, how and when do you anticipate obtaining such funds?

Yes.

B. COST OR SAVINGS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS RESULTING FROM THE ACTION PROPOSED

1. Provide an estimate of the anticipated impact of the proposed action on local governmental units, including adjustments in workload and paperwork requirements. Describe all data, assumptions and methods used in calculating this impact.

The proposed revisions will not result in costs or savings to local governmental units. The revisions will postpone the transition of the School Performance Score (SPS) grading scale to the 2023-2024 school year (2024 SPS) as opposed to 2021-2022 (2022 SPS). To the extent schools receive higher letter grades in the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 school years due to the proposed revisions, there may be decreased workload for district staff to develop and implement a plan for improvement in schools that avoid receiving an "Urgent Intervention Required" or "Comprehensive Intervention Required" label; however, any such impacts are indeterminable.

2. Indicate the sources of funding of the local governmental unit that will be affected by these costs or savings.

Local governmental units may become ineligible for certain state or federal grants if they avoid receiving an "Urgent Intervention Required" or "Comprehensive Intervention Required" label.

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WORKSHEET

II. EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS

A. What increase (decrease) in revenues can be anticipated from the proposed action?

REVENUE INCREASE/DECREASE	FY21-22	FY22-23	FY23-24
STATE GENERAL FUND	-0-	-0-	-0-
AGENCY SELF GENERATED			
RESTRICTED FUNDS*			
FEDERAL FUNDS			
LOCAL FUNDS	UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN
TOTAL	UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN

\*Specify the particular fund being impacted.

B. Provide a narrative explanation of each increase or decrease in revenues shown in "A." Describe all data, assumptions, and methods used in calculating these increases or decreases.

The proposed revisions may have an indeterminable effect on revenue collections of public schools. To the extent that schools receive higher letter grades in the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 school years and are subsequently able to avoid receiving an "Urgent Intervention Required" or "Comprehensive Intervention Required" label, they would be ineligible for certain state or federal grants; however, any such impacts are indeterminable.

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### WORKSHEET

#### III. COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS, SMALL BUSINESSES, OR NON-GOVERNMENTAL GROUPS

- A. What persons or non-governmental groups would be directly affected by the proposed action? For each, provide an estimate and a narrative description of any effect on costs, including workload adjustments and additional paperwork (number of new forms, additional documentation, etc.), they may have to incur as a result of the proposed action.

The proposed revisions will not result in costs and/or benefits to directly affected persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups.

- B. Also provide an estimate and a narrative description of any impact on receipts and/or income resulting from this rule or rule change to these groups.

N/A

#### IV. EFFECTS ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT

Identify and provide estimates of the impact of the proposed action on competition and employment in the public and private sectors. Include a summary of any data, assumptions and methods used in making these estimates.

The proposed revisions will not have an effect on competition and employment.



STATE BOARD OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION  
FAMILY IMPACT STATEMENT  
(LA R.S. 49:953 and 972)

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Division: Policy Office  
Rule Title: Part XI. Subpart 1. Bulletin 111 – The Louisiana School, District, and State Accountability System (Part XI.305).

In accordance with Section 953 and 974 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes, there is hereby submitted a Family Impact Statement on the rule proposed for adoption, repeal or amendment. All Family Impact Statements shall be kept on file in the State Board Office which has adopted, amended, or repealed a rule in accordance with the applicable provisions of the law relating to public records.

PLEASE RESPOND TO THE FOLLOWING:

1. WILL THE PROPOSED RULE AFFECT THE STABILITY OF THE FAMILY?  
 No  
 Yes  
 Lacks sufficient information to determine
2. WILL THE PROPOSED RULE AFFECT THE AUTHORITY AND RIGHTS OF PARENTS REGARDING THE EDUCATION AND SUPERVISION OF THEIR CHILDREN?  
 No  
 Yes  
 Lacks sufficient information to determine.
3. WILL THE PROPOSED RULE AFFECT THE FUNCTIONING OF THE FAMILY?  
 No  
 Yes  
 Lacks sufficient information to determine
4. WILL THE PROPOSED RULE AFFECT FAMILY EARNINGS AND FAMILY BUDGET?  
 No  
 Yes  
 Lacks sufficient information to determine
5. WILL THE PROPOSED RULE AFFECT THE BEHAVIOR AND PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY OF CHILDREN?  
 No  
 Yes  
 Lacks sufficient information to determine
6. IS THE FAMILY OR A LOCAL GOVERNMENT ABLE TO PERFORM THE FUNCTION AS CONTAINED IN THE PROPOSED RULE?  
 No  
 Yes  
 Lacks sufficient information to determine

Signature of Contact Person: Ashley Townsend

Date Submitted: 1/6/2022

STATE BOARD OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION  
POVERTY IMPACT STATEMENT  
(LA R.S. 49:973)

Person Preparing Statement: Ashley Townsend

Phone: 225-342-2503

Division: Policy Office

Rule Title: Part XI. Subpart 1. Bulletin 111 -- The Louisiana School, District, and State Accountability System (Part XI.305).

In accordance with Section 973 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes, there is hereby submitted a Poverty Impact Statement on the rule proposed for adoption, amendment, or repeal. All Poverty Impact Statements shall be in writing and kept on file in the state agency which has adopted, amended, or repealed a rule in accordance with the applicable provisions of the law relating to public records. For the purposes of this Section, the word "poverty" means living at or below one hundred percent of the federal poverty line.

PLEASE RESPOND TO THE FOLLOWING:

1. WILL THE PROPOSED RULE AFFECT THE HOUSEHOLD INCOME, ASSETS, AND FINANCIAL SECURITY?

- No
- Yes
- Lacks sufficient information to determine

2. WILL THE PROPOSED RULE AFFECT EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT AND PRESCHOOL THROUGH POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT?

- No
- Yes
- Lacks sufficient information to determine

3. WILL THE PROPOSED RULE AFFECT EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT?

- No
- Yes
- Lacks sufficient information to determine

4. WILL THE PROPOSED RULE AFFECT TAXES AND TAX CREDITS?

- No
- Yes
- Lacks sufficient information to determine

5. WILL THE PROPOSED RULE AFFECT CHILD AND DEPENDENT CARE, HOUSING, HEALTH CARE, NUTRITION, TRANSPORTATION, AND UTILITIES ASSISTANCE?

- No
- Yes
- Lacks sufficient information to determine

Signature of Contact Person: *Ashley Townsend*

Date Submitted: 1/6/2022

### **Small Business Statement**

The impact of the proposed Rule on small businesses as defined in the Regulatory Flexibility Act has been considered. It is estimated that the proposed action is not expected to have a significant adverse impact on small businesses. The agency, consistent with health, safety, environmental and economic welfare factors has considered and, where possible, utilized regulatory methods in the drafting of the proposed rule that will accomplish the objectives of applicable statutes while minimizing the adverse impact of the proposed rule on small businesses.

### **Provider Impact Statement**

The proposed Rule should not have any known or foreseeable impact on providers as defined by HCR 170 of 2014 Regular Legislative Session. In particular, there should be no known or foreseeable effect on:

1. the effect on the staffing level requirements or qualifications required to provide the same level of service;
2. the total direct and indirect effect on the cost to the providers to provide the same level of service; or
3. the overall effect on the ability of the provider to provide the same level of service.

**Public Comments**

Interested persons may submit written comments via the U.S. Mail until noon, January 10, 2022, to Shan N. Davis, Executive Director, Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, Box 94064, Capitol Station, Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9064. Written comments may also be hand delivered to Shan Davis, Executive Director, Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, Suite 5-190, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802 and must be date stamped by the BESE office on the date received. Public comments must be dated and include the original signature of the person submitting the comments.

Shan N. Davis  
Executive Director