

MEMBER: Barry Erwin PROPOSAL# Erwin #01 REFERRED TO AG on: AGDNES
 SUBJECT: MFP - Dollars Follow Student DATE REPORTED BY AG: November 19, 2009 REPORT: Without Action
 COMMISSION ACTION: WITHDRAWN DATE: December 1, 2009

RECOMMENDATION: Require that local per pupil share of the Minimum Foundation Program (MFP) dollars follow students to any public school or program they attend, including such programs and schools as those administered by the Louisiana National Guard (LANG), the New Orleans Center for Creative Arts (NOCCA), the Louisiana School for Math, Science and the Arts (LSMSA), the Louisiana State University Laboratory School, the Southern University Laboratory School and certain Type-2 charter schools.

Summary Description/Nature of Change	Key/Implementation Responsibilities	Need	Action Needed	Benefit/Saving	Done/ Study
Require that local per pupil share of the MFP dollars follow students to any public school or program they attend, including such programs and schools as those administered by LANG, NOCCA, LSMSA, the Louisiana State University Laboratory School, the Southern University Laboratory School and certain Type-2 charter schools.	BESE, Legislature and local government.	Currently the state is paying the state and local portion of MFP formula for students being educated in certain identified environments (Youth Challenge, NOCCA, LSMSA, Lab Schools in Baton Rouge and certain Type-2 charter schools). Local revenue for education should follow their students to the alternative educational environment. This could be accomplished similarly to MFP funding for newly authorized Type-2 charter schools.	Proposed legislation may be required or BESE may need to re-work the MFP formula with an objective of funding following the student.	At least \$2,500 per student in State General Fund and savings would be recurring.	Earliest could be implemented is next fiscal year and transition period may be necessary.