

ADVISORY GROUP ON Efficiency and Benchmarking **PROPOSAL #:** AGEB #42
SUBJECT: Louisiana New Start Education Tax Credit Program **DATE ADOPTED BY ADVISORY GROUP:** November 12, 2009
COMMISSION ACTION: ADOPTED **DATE:** December 1, 2009 **RECOMMENDATION #:** 207

RECOMMENDATION: The governor and the Legislature support and pass the Louisiana New Start Education Tax Credit Program which would (a) provide a \$4,000 refundable state income tax credit per child to parents who have a child attending a Louisiana public school that is deemed to be “academically unacceptable” by the Louisiana Department of Education and who assume the cost of their child’s education in a private or parochial school in Louisiana, and (b) provide a \$4,000 state income tax credit to any Louisiana taxpayer that donates \$4,000 to a nonprofit, scholarship-granting organization recognized by the Louisiana Department of Education which, in turn, uses the money to provide scholarships to families of children who are attending “academically unacceptable” schools in Louisiana and who elect instead to send their children to a private or parochial school in Louisiana.

Summary Description/Nature of Change	Key/Implementation Responsibilities	Need	Action Needed	Benefit/Saving	Done/ Study
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