OVERVIEW: Section 7.14 of S.L. 2021-180 requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction (Superintendent) to study reforms to provide effective intervention and assistance for low-performing schools and report on recommendations and suggested legislative changes to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee no later than February 15, 2022.

The State Board of Education (SBE) is directed to not add schools to the Innovative School District during the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 school years. The SBE must continue operation of the Southside-Ashpole Elementary School as an innovative school until a transition plan is executed to return the school to Robeson County Schools, but must transition the school no later than the completion of the 2022-2023 school year.

Effective June 30, 2023, the Innovative School District is repealed.

Portions of the section related to the Superintendent's study and selection of innovative schools became effective November 18, 2021. The remainder of the section is effective June 30, 2023.