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## DIGEST

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HB No. 648

**Abstract:** Repeals provisions allowing certain 17 year olds to withdraw from school.

Present law requires every parent (or certain other persons) having control or charge of any child from that child's seventh birthday until his 18th birthday to send the child to a public or private day school unless the child graduates from high school prior to his 18th birthday. Specifies that whoever violates present law shall be fined not more than \$250 or imprisoned not more than 30 days, or both. Proposed law retains present law.

Present law permits a child between the ages of 17 and 18 to withdraw from school prior to graduation if both of these conditions are met:

- (1) Written consent is granted by his parent, tutor, or legal guardian. (Specifies individuals giving such consent shall not be subject to the penalty as provided in present law.)
- (2) An exit interview is conducted where the student and his parent, tutor, or legal guardian provide written acknowledgment that withdrawal from school shall likely reduce the student's future earning potential and increase the student's likelihood of being unemployed in the future.

Proposed law repeals present law.

(Repeals R.S. 17:221(E))