

2025 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 207

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Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

SECONDARY EDUCATION. Requires all public high school students to have access to available vocational and technical courses. (8/1/25)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:183.4 and 3996(B)(4), relative to public high schools; to require that

3 certain public school students have access to vocational and technical education

4 courses; to provide for agreements; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 17:183.4 and 3996(B)(4) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 **§183.4. Vocational and technical education; partnering with other schools to**

8 **provide courses**

9 **A. All public high schools shall provide students the opportunity to enroll**

10 **in available vocational and technical education courses.**

11 **B. A school that does not offer vocational and technical education**

12 **courses may enter into agreements to partner with other public schools or with**

13 **one or more public postsecondary two-year institutions of higher education in**

14 **the state, or with nonprofit proprietary schools approved by the State Board of**

15 **Elementary and Secondary Education to provide the vocational and technical**

16 **education courses for the student as required in Subsection A of this Section.**

17 **Nothing in this Section shall be interpreted to supersede R.S. 17:4002.1 et seq.**

eligibility criteria of the award.

Effective August 1, 2025.

(Adds R.S. 17:183.4 and 3996(B)(4))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Education to the original bill

1. Change the requirement that schools offer only those vocational and technical courses to only those available courses.
2. Change those with whom the partnership agreements may be entered into to provide vocational and technical education.
3. Require that public high schools are to advise students of the availability of the TOPS Tech Early Start Award.