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SB 207 Engrossed

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Present law provides for a career diploma as an option in high schools and consists of a career major containing academic courses and modern career and technical studies.

Proposed law provides that all public high schools provide students with the opportunity to enroll in available vocational and technical education courses. Provides that, if the school does not offer the vocational and technical education courses, the school may enter into agreements to partner with other public schools or with one or more public postsecondary two-year institutions of higher education in the state, or with nonprofit proprietary schools approved by BESE to provide the vocational and technical education courses.

Proposed law provides that proposed law does not supercede the Course Choice Program that allows La. high school students to take courses beyond their traditional school curriculum, including college and university classes, career and technical education, and internships with private companies.

Proposed law provides that public high schools are to advise students of the availability of the TOPS Tech Early Start Award for eligible students and are to provide information on the 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.