

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 94

BY REPRESENTATIVE BROADWATER

CURRICULA: Requests the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to develop a process for approval of online courses offered to students

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to establish a  
3 process and promulgate rules for all online courses offered to students for initial  
4 credit or core academic credit recovery offerings and certain other online courses,  
5 which courses shall be approved by the state Department of Education at the same  
6 standard as required for the Course Choice Program, and to submit a report to the  
7 House Committee on Education on the status of the implementation of such process  
8 and any related recommendations.

9 WHEREAS, the legislature recognizes that all Louisiana students should have access  
10 to a quality education that best meets their unique needs; and

11 WHEREAS, each student has different needs that require access to courses presented  
12 in multiple ways from a wide range of educational providers; and

13 WHEREAS, online courses can personalize learning at scale and enable students to  
14 achieve dramatically improved outcomes; and

15 WHEREAS, online instruction offers a quality, individualized education to students  
16 who seek access to additional high quality courses, especially those enrolled in  
17 low-performing public schools and those whose educational choices are limited by  
18 geography and financial means; and

19 WHEREAS, the legislature recognized the value of online instruction by authorizing  
20 the statewide Course Choice Program in 2012 which charged the state Department of

1 Education with ensuring student access, instructional alignment, rigor, and quality as it  
2 relates to such program; and

3 WHEREAS, successful implementation of online instruction will bolster the state's  
4 goal of providing a quality education for every Louisiana student and will enable students  
5 to successfully transition to postsecondary education and the workplace; and

6 WHEREAS, certain online instruction should meet the same standards as teachers  
7 and online course providers approved for the Course Choice Program so that there is  
8 consistent delivery of academic standards as defined in state board policy.

9 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
10 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the State Board of Elementary and  
11 Secondary Education to create an approval process and promulgate rules in accordance with  
12 the Administrative Procedure Act for all online courses offered to students for initial credit  
13 or core academic credit recovery offerings and online courses that can be applied to the  
14 Jump Start Career Diploma or the TOPS University Diploma for graduation credits, which  
15 courses shall be approved by the state Department of Education at the same standard as  
16 required for the Course Choice Program, and to submit a report to the House Committee on  
17 Education by not later than January 31, 2018, on the status of the implementation of such  
18 process and any recommendations relative thereto.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
20 president of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and the state  
21 superintendent of education.

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#### DIGEST

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Requests the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education to create an approval process for all online courses offered to students for initial credit or core academic credit recovery offerings and online courses that can be applied to the Jump Start Career Diploma and the TOPS University Diploma. Requests the board to report to the House Committee on Education by Jan. 31, 2018, on the status of the implementation of such process and any related recommendations.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Education to the original resolution:

1. Add online courses for core academic credit recovery offerings and online courses that can be applied to the Jump Start Career Diploma and the TOPS University Diploma to those for which the board is requested to create an approval process.