

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Prior law (R.S. 17:183.1-183.5) provided for the high school career option and associated curriculum and graduation requirements. New law retains prior law and additionally requires written authorization of a student's parent or legal guardian prior to changing a student's options.

New law requires each school with an approved career major program to hold an annual informational meeting to inform the parents and legal guardians of all 8th graders of high school curriculum choices.

Prior law (R.S. 17:2921-2931) provided for seamless connections between grades pre-k through 12 and postsecondary education and the workplace.

Prior law required each student to have an individual graduation plan that is signed by the student, the student's parent or legal guardian, and the school counselor and requires it to be reviewed annually.

New law retains prior law and additionally requires each student, his parent or legal guardian, and his school counselor to annually sign the student's individual graduation plan. Further requires the student's parent or legal guardian to approve in writing any changes to the student's individual graduation plan.

New law requires each school with students in grades 8-12 to annually hold an informational meeting for students' parents and legal guardians on graduation requirements and school curriculum choices. Further requires the notice of the meeting be made through all means available, including the school's automatic call system.

New law provides that prior to revising a student's individual graduation plan, requires that the school counselor shall meet with the student's parent or legal guardian, either in person or virtually, to explain the possible impacts the revisions to the plan might have on the student's graduation requirements and postsecondary education goals. Requires that any revisions to a student's plan shall be approved in writing by the student's parent or legal guardian.

New law requires the state Department of Education to develop materials regarding high school curricula frameworks, graduation requirements, and relevant postsecondary education and career opportunities and that the materials be provided to each school for use in the annual meeting with parents and legal guardians required in conjunction with scheduling students' classes.

Effective upon signature of the governor (June 23, 2021).

(Amends R.S. 17:183.2(B)(1), (C), and (D), 183.3(C), 2925(A) and (B); adds R.S. 17:2926(C))