

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 91 (SB 38)

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Existing law provides for the Course Choice Program for elementary and secondary public school students and requires the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) to create a process for authorizing course providers. Eligible course choice providers include online or virtual providers, postsecondary education institutions, and corporations that are authorized to offer vocational or technical courses. Provides for monitoring and evaluation of course providers by BESE. Provides that each local public school governing authority is to establish procedures whereby an eligible funded student may be granted approval to enroll in a Course Choice Program. Provides that each local public school system must make available to all students the course catalogue during the annual course enrollment process for that local school system. Provides that the local public school system is to provide the course catalog from a course list provided by the Dept. of Education that is approved by BESE.

Prior law defined "eligible funded student" as a public school student who resides in La. and has obtained approval from the local school superintendent or other governing authority of the school that the student attends to enroll in the course.

New law changes the definition of "eligible funded student" from a student that obtains approval from the local school superintendent or governing authority to a student who obtains parental approval after consultation with the person designated by the governing authority of the school.

Prior law required the public school governing authority to determine the appropriateness of the requested course.

New law provides the governing authority must advise the student and the student's parents as to the appropriateness as part of the development and annual review of the student's Individual Graduation Plan. Restricts the choice of course if the student's school counselor determines that the course is not academically appropriate with the student's chosen major or graduation pathway or if the course violates the department's published student high school planning resources.

Effective July 1, 2025.

(Amends R.S. 17:4002.3(2)(b) and 4002.5(A)(intro para) and (A)(1) and (B))