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HOUSE BILL NO. 249

BY REPRESENTATIVES RICHARD AND REYNOLDS

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

SCHOOLS/CHOICE: Changes certain eligibility criteria for participation in the Course Choice Program

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:4002.3(2)(a), relative to individual courses offered by entities  
3 other than schools; to change certain criteria for defining an eligible funded student  
4 for participation in the Course Choice Program; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 17:4002.3(2)(a) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §4002.3. Definitions

8 As used in this Part, unless otherwise clearly indicated, the following terms  
9 mean:

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11 (2) "Eligible funded student" means any student who resides in Louisiana  
12 and meets one of the following criteria:

13 (a) Is attending a public school that received a letter grade of "~~C~~", "D"; or  
14 "F", or any variation thereof, according to the Louisiana School and District  
15 Accountability System.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Relative to the Course Choice Program, changes one of the three criteria used for defining an eligible funded student to mean any student attending a public school with a letter grade of "D" or "F" instead of "C", "D", or "F".

Present law establishes the Course Choice Program under which the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education may authorize entities to offer individual courses, online or otherwise, to elementary and secondary school students. Provides for payment for such courses through the MFP.

Present law, relative to the program, defines terms for program purposes. Provides that an "eligible funded student" is any student residing in La. who meets one of the following criteria:

- (1) Is attending a "C", "D", or "F" public school.
- (2) Is attending a public school that does not offer the course the student wants to take.
- (3) Is a scholarship recipient participating in the Student Scholarships for Educational Excellence Program (voucher program).

Proposed law retains present law except changes the first criteria from a "C", "D", or "F" public school to a "D" or "F" public school.

(Amends R.S. 17:4002.3(2)(a))