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## DIGEST

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HB No. 249

**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))