

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE BILL NO. 648

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

BESE: Requires the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) to adopt rules requiring high school students to complete at least one course offered by a BESE-authorized online or virtual course provider as a prerequisite to graduation

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:7(33), relative to the duties, functions, and responsibilities of the State
3 Board of Elementary and Secondary Education; to require the board to develop and
4 adopt rules and regulations that provide requirements for high school students
5 relative to the completion of courses offered by certain online or virtual course
6 providers as a prerequisite to graduation; to provide for implementation; and to
7 provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 17:7(33) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §7. Duties, functions, and responsibilities of board

11 In addition to the authorities granted by R.S. 17:6 and any powers, duties, and
12 responsibilities vested by any other applicable laws, the board shall:

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14 (33) Develop and adopt rules and regulations in accordance with the
15 Administrative Procedure Act that require all public high school students to
16 successfully complete at least one course offered by an online or virtual course
17 provider authorized by the board pursuant to R.S. 17:4002.4 as a prerequisite to
18 graduation.

1 Section 2. Implementation of the provisions of this Act shall begin with the class of
2 students entering the ninth grade in the fall of 2014.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) to adopt rules and regulations that require all public high school students, beginning with those entering ninth grade in the fall of 2014, to successfully complete at least one course offered by a BESE-authorized online or virtual course provider as a prerequisite to graduation.

Present law provides generally for the duties, functions, and responsibilities of the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE). Proposed law additionally requires BESE to develop and adopt rules and regulations in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act that require all public high school students, as a prerequisite to graduation, to successfully complete at least one course offered by an online or virtual course provider authorized by BESE pursuant to present law (the Course Choice Program). Proposed law implementation begins with students entering the ninth grade in the Fall of 2014.

(Adds R.S. 17:7(33))