

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 320

BY REPRESENTATIVE WOODRUFF

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

STUDENTS: Provides relative to dropout prevention and recovery

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:221.4(A) and (C)(introductory paragraph) and 221.6(A),
3 (E)(introductory paragraph), and (I)(introductory paragraph) and to enact R.S.
4 17:221.6(I)(4), relative to high school dropout recovery programs; to require such
5 programs in certain high schools; to provide with respect to funding; to provide for
6 definitions; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 17:221.4(A) and (C)(introductory paragraph) and 221.6(A),
9 (E)(introductory paragraph), and (I)(introductory paragraph) are hereby amended and
10 reenacted and R.S. 17:221.6(I)(4) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 §221.4. Louisiana School Dropout prevention and recovery program Prevention Act

12 A. This Section shall be known and may be cited as the "Louisiana School
13 Dropout Prevention ~~and Recovery Act of 2014~~".

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15 C. A student; who is under eighteen years of age, who withdraws from
16 school prior to graduating from high school, and who has not enrolled in a dropout
17 recovery program as provided in R.S. 17:221.6 shall exercise one of the following
18 options within one hundred twenty days of leaving school:

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires dropout recovery programs in high schools with low graduation rates and provides prorated MFP funding for students enrolled in such program.

Present law provides with respect to high school dropout prevention (R.S. 17:221.4) and high school dropout recovery (R.S. 17:221.6).

With respect to dropout prevention, present law requires certain minors, within 120 days of leaving school, to seek alternative programs. Proposed law retains present law and exempts minors who are otherwise participating in a dropout recovery program.

Present law, with respect to dropout recovery in high school, allows each city, parish, or other local public school system or charter school to offer a dropout recovery program. Proposed law requires such a program in those high schools that had a graduation rate of 85% or less in the previous year.

Present law provides that any student enrolled in a dropout recovery program is to be included in the student enrollment count of the school offering the program. Proposed law provides that the enrolled student is to be funded according to the applicable MFP formula, on a pro rata basis as determined by the number of months in which the student participated in the program.

Present law requires certain student information to be recorded and reported to the Dept. of Education on a monthly basis. Proposed law retains the recordation requirement but eliminates the reporting requirement to the Dept. of Education.

Proposed law retains present law with respect to other provisions of the dropout recovery program and clarifies certain terms.

(Amends R.S. 17:221.4(A) and (C)(intro. para.) and 221.6(A), (E)(intro. para.), and (I)(intro. para.); Adds R.S. 17:221.6(I)(4))