

ACT No. 89

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 367

BY REPRESENTATIVE PIERRE

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:273.4(D)(1)(c) and (2)(a), relative to high school diplomas;
3 to revise the academic requirements for a student to earn a State Seal of Biliteracy
4 on his high school diploma or transcript; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 17:273.4(D)(1)(c) and (2)(a) are hereby amended and reenacted to
7 read as follows:

8 §273.4. State Seal of Biliteracy

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10 D.(1) The State Seal of Biliteracy certifies that a student meets all of the
11 following criteria:

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13 (c) Proficiency at the intermediate-high level or above in one or more
14 languages other than English, demonstrated through one of the following methods:

15 (i) Passing a world language Advanced Placement examination ~~with a score~~
16 ~~of three or higher~~ or a world language International Baccalaureate examination with
17 a score ~~of four or higher~~ determined by the state Department of Education, in
18 consultation with the examination provider, to be indicative of language proficiency.
19 ~~For languages in which an Advanced Placement test is not available, school systems~~
20 ~~may use an equivalent summative test as approved by the state superintendent of~~
21 ~~education.~~

1 (ii) ~~Successful completion~~ Completion of a four-year high school course of
2 study in a world language or ~~successful completion of seven~~ at least four Carnegie
3 units ~~or more in language or~~ content courses in a world language immersion setting.

4 (iii) Passing a foreign government's approved language examination and
5 receiving ~~a receipt of~~ a certificate of competency from the authorizing government
6 agency at the corresponding European B2 level; ~~American Council on the Teaching~~
7 ~~of Foreign Languages Advanced Low level, or equivalent measures.~~

8 (iv) Passing a nationally recognized world language proficiency examination
9 with a score determined by the state Department of Education, in consultation with
10 the examination provider, to be indicative of language proficiency.

11 (2) If the primary language of a student in grades nine through twelve is
12 other than English, he shall do both of the following in order to qualify for the State
13 Seal of Biliteracy:

14 (a) ~~Attain the Early Advanced proficiency level on the English Language~~
15 ~~Development Assessment~~ a composite score of proficient on an English language
16 development assessment that addresses all modes of communication.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____