

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Prior law required that students develop individual graduation plans beginning in the eighth grade. New law additionally requires that students be provided information from the Louisiana Workforce Commission (LWC) about high-demand, high-wage jobs when developing and reviewing their plans. Further requires that students be shown how to access the LWC's website relative to information on such jobs.

Prior law required the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education to develop a guidance policy for middle and high school grades that local school districts can use to equip guidance personnel with skills and information needed to help students with individual graduation plans and ensure that they receive the assistance they need. New law additionally provides for ensuring that students know about high-demand, high-wage jobs and that students be given a demonstration on how to access the LWC website.

Prior law required LWC to post a report on its website relative to forecasting future growth and demand jobs, statewide and by region, and the skills necessary to fill such jobs. New law additionally requires LWC to update its website, at least annually, to include information on high-demand, high-wage jobs and to provide a link to this information to the state Dept. of Education (DOE). Requires DOE to display the link on its website and to disseminate the link to school boards and requires each public middle school and high school to display the LWC link on its website. Additionally specifies the information LWC must provide relative to these jobs.

Prior law required each school guidance counselor to complete an academic profile for each student in the ninth grade and to meet with the student and his parent or legal guardian to review and revise the profile each year. New law additionally requires the guidance counselor to demonstrate how to access LWC's website and to provide the student with a printed copy of the region's top 20 high-demand, high-wage jobs. Authorizes the guidance counselor's qualified designee to perform the responsibilities of the guidance counselor as provided in prior law and new law.

Prior law required LWC to produce a final report of the top future growth and demand jobs, statewide and by region, and the skills necessary to fill such jobs. Further required that the report be posted on the internet.

Effective upon signature of the governor (June 11, 2020).

(Amends R.S. 17:221.6(D)(intro para), 2926(B), and 3006 and R.S. 23:76(C)(8); adds R.S. 17:2925(C), 2926(A)(3), and 2930(D))