

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 206

BY REPRESENTATIVE ROBERT OWEN

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

SCHOOLS/HIGH SCHOOL: Removes the Health Education course high school graduation requirement for certain student athletes

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:183.3(B)(2)(e) and to enact R.S. 17:17.7, relative to curricula  
3 requirements; to provide relative to high school graduation requirements; to provide  
4 an exception from the required Health Education course for certain students; and to  
5 provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 183.3(B)(2)(e) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 17:17.7  
8 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §17.7. Health Education requirement; student athletes

10 A. A one-half credit course in Health Education is not and shall not be  
11 required for a high school diploma for any student who meets both of the following  
12 criteria:

13 (1) The student is an athlete in a sport or a participant in an activity that  
14 requires him to enroll in a physical education course related to the sport or activity,  
15 and he does so for at least two consecutive school years.

16 (2) The student completes a two-day cardiopulmonary resuscitation course  
17 administered by a certified health teacher, local fire department employee, or other  
18 local agency that has staff certified to administer such a course.

19 B. No policy or administrative rule promulgated by the State Board of  
20 Elementary and Secondary Education that is contrary to this Section shall be

1 enforced. The state board shall amend or repeal any policy or rule that is contrary  
2 to this Section.

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4 §183.3. Career major; description; curriculum and graduation requirements

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6 B.

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8 (2) The course requirements for the career major shall consist of the  
9 following:

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11 (e) At least two credits in Health and Physical Education, including one  
12 credit of Physical Education I, one-half credit from among the following: Physical  
13 Education II, Marching Band, Extracurricular Sports, Cheering, or Dance Teams;  
14 and one-half credit of Health Education except as provided in R.S. 17:17.7.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Removes the Health Education course graduation requirement for certain high school students.

Present law provides for the career major program through which high school students complete both an academic core of courses and a career and technical sequence of courses or training programs that lead to an approved industry-based credential.

Present law provides a specific high school curriculum for the career major, including at least two credits in Health and Physical Education, one-half credit of which must be Health Education.

Present agency rule requires the Health Education course for other High School diplomas.

Proposed law retains present law and present agency rule but adds an exception from the Health Education requirement for a student who meets the following criteria:

- (1) He is an athlete in a sport or participates in an activity that necessitates taking a related physical education course, and he does so for two consecutive school years.

(2) He completes a two-day CPR course.

Proposed law prohibits the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education from enforcing a rule or policy that is contrary to proposed law.

(Amends R.S. 17:183.3(B)(2)(e); Adds R.S. 17:17.7)