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Present law provides for the Course Choice Program and requires the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) to create a process for authorizing course providers, including online or virtual providers, postsecondary education institutions, and corporations that offer vocational or technical courses. Provides for monitoring and evaluation of course providers by BESE.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law defines "eligible funded student" as a student who resides in La. and meets one of the following criteria:

(1) Attends a public school.

(2) Has obtained approval from the local school superintendent or other governing authority of the school that he attends to enroll in the course.

Proposed law changes the definition of "eligible funded student" from a student that obtains approval from the local school superintendent or governing authority to a student who obtains parental approval after consultation with the person designated by the governing authority of the school.

Present law provides that each public governing authority is to establish procedures whereby an eligible funded student may be granted approval to enroll in a Course Choice Program pursuant to present law.

Proposed law changes the requirement that the public school governing authority determine the appropriateness of the requested course to advising the student and the student's parents as to the appropriateness as part of the development and annual review of the student's Individual Graduation Plan.

Present law provides that each local public school system must make available to all students the course catalogue as provided by BESE, during the annual course enrollment process for that local school system.

Present law provides that the local public school system shall provide the course catalog from a list provided by the Dept. of Education that is approved BESE.

Effective July 1, 2025.

(Amends R.S. 17:4002.3(2)(b) and 4002.5(A)(intro para) and (A)(1) and (B))