

SENATE BILL NO. 38

BY SENATOR EDMONDS

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:4002.3(2)(b) and the introductory paragraph of 4002.5(A) and  
3 (A)(1) and (B), relative to the course providers; to provide with respect to  
4 definitions; to provide with respect to student eligibility, course approval, and  
5 enrollment; to provide relative to student individual graduation plans; to provide with  
6 respect to the duties of the department; to provide with respect to the duties of the  
7 State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and public school governing  
8 authorities; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. R.S. 17:4002.3(2)(b) and the introductory paragraph of 4002.5(A), (A) (1)  
11 and (B) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

12 §4002.3. Definitions

13 As used in this Part, the following terms have the following meanings unless  
14 the context clearly indicates otherwise:

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16 (2) "Eligible funded student" means any student who resides in Louisiana and  
17 meets the following criteria:

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19 (b) ~~Has obtained approval from the local school superintendent or other~~ **Has**  
20 **consulted with the** person designated by the governing authority of the school that  
21 he attends to enroll in a course pursuant to this Part **and has written permission**  
22 **from a parent or legal guardian. Pursuant to R.S. 17:4002.5, the student shall**  
23 **not be permitted to enroll in a course that conflicts with any of the following:**

24 **(i) A determination made by the student's school counselor that the**  
25 **course is not to be academically appropriate considering the student's chosen**  
26 **major or graduation pathway.**

27 **(ii) The department's published student high school planning resources.**

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§4002.5. Public school governing authority duties; accountability; rules

A. The governing authority of each public elementary and secondary school shall establish policies and procedures whereby an eligible funded student ~~may be granted approval to enroll~~ **enrolls** in a course pursuant to this Part, which shall also provide for the following:

(1) ~~Determination~~ **Advising the student and his parent or legal custodian as part of the development and annual review of the student's Individual Graduation Plan, pursuant to R.S. 17:2925** of whether a requested course is academically appropriate for the student.

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B. Each local public school system shall make available to all students **during the annual course enrollment process for the school system** the course catalogue as provided by the **department derived from a list of course providers approved by the** state board ~~during the annual course enrollment process for that local school system.~~

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Section 2. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2025; if vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval by the legislature or July 1, 2025, whichever is later.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_