

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 649

BY REPRESENTATIVE BRASS

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:2943, relative to dual enrollment; to provide for the
3 responsibilities of the Board of Regents, public postsecondary education institutions,
4 and public postsecondary education management boards; to require a uniform,
5 statewide application process for all high school students; and to provide for related
6 matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 17:2943 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

9 §2943. Rules and regulations

10 A. The Board of Regents, in consultation with the State Board of Elementary
11 and Secondary Education, shall adopt rules and regulations for the implementation
12 of this Chapter.

13 B.(1) The Board of Regents, in coordination with Louisiana public
14 postsecondary education institutions, shall establish and administer a uniform,
15 statewide application process for high school students to apply to participate in dual
16 enrollment programs.

17 (2) Each public postsecondary education institution shall participate in the
18 process established in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection, unless an institution provides
19 written notice of non-participation to its management board.

20 (3) Each public postsecondary education management board, in coordination
21 with the Board of Regents, shall coordinate and adopt institutional implementation

1 plans to improve student access, efficiency, and cost savings to include, at a
2 minimum, rules for notice of non-participation and re-entry into participation.

3 (4) Each public postsecondary education management board, in consultation
4 with the Board of Regents, shall adopt a standard uniform dual enrollment tuition rate
5 for all dual enrollment courses.

6 C. The Board of Regents, in consultation with the State Board of Elementary
7 and Secondary Education, shall manage the grants pursuant to R.S. 17:2944,
8 including but not limited to ~~application requirements, evaluation criteria,~~ evaluation
9 criteria and selection.

10 €: D. Nothing in this Chapter is intended to prohibit a city, parish, and other
11 local public school board from developing and continuing an interinstitutional
12 articulation and transfer agreement with a public postsecondary education institution
13 relative to dual enrollment.

14 Section 2. The provisions of R.S. 17:2943 as amended and reenacted by Section 1
15 of this Act shall be implemented no later than the beginning of the 2027-2028 school year.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____