

ACT No. 144

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HOUSE BILL NO. 268

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1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:183.2(A), 2925(B)(1), and 3005(C)(8) and to enact R.S.
3 17:2926(A)(5) and 3996(B)(24), (30), (44), and (51), relative to public school
4 students; to provide relative to career-related activities for certain students; to
5 provide relative to Individualized Graduation Plans; to require Louisiana Works to
6 provide information about workforce priorities annually to public school governing
7 authorities; to provide for alignment of student activities with these priorities; to
8 provide for the advisement policy developed by the State Board of Elementary and
9 Secondary Education; to provide relative to elementary school counselors; to provide
10 for applicability; and to provide for related matters.

11 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

12 Section 1. R.S. 17:183.2(A), 2925(B)(1), and 3005(C)(8) are hereby amended and
13 reenacted and R.S. 17:2926(A)(5) and 3996(B)(24), (30), (44), and (51) are hereby enacted
14 to read as follows:

15 §183.2. Career option description

16 A.(1) To prepare students for choosing a career option at the high school
17 level, in grades six through eight, schools shall incorporate activities which expose
18 students to career and technical and academic fields of study. Such activities may
19 include field trips, guest speakers, community services, and other activities designed

1 to introduce students to occupations in demand in Louisiana. At least six activities
2 shall be conducted at each grade level during each school year as provided in
3 Paragraph (2) of this Subsection. Louisiana Works shall provide annually a listing
4 of high-demand sectors by region and state to public school governing authorities,
5 which shall select activities that align with these sectors to the greatest extent
6 feasible.

7 (2)(a) Each school year, at least three of the six activities for each grade level
8 shall meet one of the following criteria:

9 (i) An activity that provides direct interaction with an employer.

10 (ii) An activity that involves career pathway instruction linked to high school
11 course options.

12 (iii) An activity that provides a work-based learning exposure.

13 (iv) A career interest inventory.

14 (b) At least one activity shall be documented for each school year in each
15 student's Individual Graduation Plan developed pursuant to R.S. 17:2925.

16 (3) Each school that enrolls students in grades kindergarten through five
17 shall provide students with at least one career awareness experience or activity in a
18 category provided in Subparagraph (2)(a) of this Subsection during each school year.

19 (4) Each school board shall certify annual compliance for the schools under
20 its jurisdiction to the state Department of Education and maintain auditable records
21 of activities by grade relative to the requirements of Paragraphs (1) through (3) of
22 this Subsection.

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24 §2925. Individual graduation plans

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26 B. To provide a foundation for the development of the Individual Graduation
27 Plan, schools shall:

28 (1) Provide career awareness and exploration activities to all students in
29 grades six through eight that create linkages between what a student does in school
30 and what he wants to achieve in life. Such activities shall include career interest

