

Existing law, relative to compulsory school attendance, requires every parent or certain other persons having control or charge of any child from that child's seventh birthday until his 18th birthday to send the child to a public or private day school unless the child graduates from high school prior to his 18th birthday. Specifies penalties for violation. Provides for related issues including but not limited to dropout prevention and recovery programs, exemptions from compulsory attendance, and habitual absence or tardiness.

New law exempts from existing law a child who is at least 17 years old and has been issued a La. high school equivalency diploma after successfully completing a program established by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education.

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(Adds R.S. 17:221(K))