

Regular Session, 2012

HOUSE BILL NO. 740

BY REPRESENTATIVE LEBAS

STUDENTS: Provides for participation in a dual enrollment program at postsecondary education institutions by certain high school students enrolled in BESE-approved programs

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3137(B) and to repeal R.S. 17:3137(C) and(D), relative to  
3 eligibility of high school students to participate in a dual enrollment program at  
4 participating postsecondary education institutions; to provide relative to participation  
5 in such program by a student who is enrolled in a Louisiana educational program; to  
6 provide residency requirements; to provide provisions relative to the use of state  
7 funds to pay the tuition costs of students enrolled in such a program; to remove  
8 provisions relative to a study and report by the Board of Regents concerning certain  
9 program cost estimates; to provide an effective date; and to provide for related  
10 matters.

11 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

12 Section 1. R.S. 17:3137(B) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

13 §3137. Dual enrollment program; legislative findings; eligible participants

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15 B. The Board of Regents shall provide for the participation of any student  
16 who meets the following requirements:

- 17 (1) Is enrolled in a Louisiana ~~public high school~~ educational program that  
18 is approved by or under the authority of the State Board of Elementary and  
19 Secondary Education.

- 1                   (2) Is at least fifteen years of age.
- 2                   (3) Is currently in the eleventh or twelfth grade.
- 3                   (4) Is a resident of the state of Louisiana.
- 4                   (5) Meets any other eligibility criteria as the Board of Regents may require.
- 5                   Section 2. R.S. 17:3137(C) and (D) are hereby repealed in their entirety.

DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Relative to eligibility of high school students to participate in a dual enrollment program at participating postsecondary education institutions, provides that an otherwise eligible student who is enrolled in any La. educational program approved by or under the authority of BESE is eligible for state funds to cover his participation can participate in such a program. Adds a provision that students participating in the program shall be residents of the state.

Relative to eligibility of high school students to participate in a dual enrollment program at participating postsecondary institutions:

Present law prohibits use of state funds to pay for the participation in the program by an otherwise eligible student who is enrolled in any La. nonpublic high school that is approved by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) or participates in a home study program of education approved by BESE.

Proposed law repeals present law. Allows state funds to pay for the participation in the program by an otherwise eligible student who is enrolled in a La. educational program that is approved by or under the authority of BESE.

Proposed law adds requirement that students participating in the program be residents of the state.

Present law requires the Board of Regents to study and report to the legislature's education committees prior to the 2009 R.S. concerning certain program cost estimates. Proposed law repeals present law.

(Amends R.S. 17:3137(B); Repeals R.S. 17:3137(C) and (D))