

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE BILL NO. 95

BY REPRESENTATIVES DIXON AND SMITH

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

STUDENT/SCH ATTENDANCE: Provides relative to eligibility criteria for admission or readmission to a public school and prohibits the denial of admission or readmission based on certain student characteristics

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:221(B), relative to school attendance; to provide relative to
3 eligibility criteria for admission or readmission to a public school; to prohibit city,
4 parish, and other local public school boards from denying admission or readmission
5 to students based on certain characteristics; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 17:221(B) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §221. School attendance; compulsory ages; duty of parents; excessive absences;
9 condition for driving privileges

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11 B.(1) ~~No~~ A city, parish, or other local public school board shall ~~deny grant~~
12 admission or readmission to school ~~of~~ to any student ~~of suitable age who resides~~
13 ~~within the geographic boundaries of the school system unless such student is legally~~
14 ~~excluded from attending school.~~ who meets all of the following criteria:

15 (a) Resides within the geographic boundaries of the school system.

16 (b) Meets the eligibility requirements for school entrance pursuant to R.S.
17 17:222(A).

18 (c) Is twenty-one years of age or younger on September thirtieth of the
19 calendar year in which the school year begins.

Proposed law further prohibits school boards from denying admission or readmission to a student who meets all proposed law criteria, provided in (1) through (5) above, based on any of the following characteristics:

- (1) The student voluntarily withdrew from school.
- (2) The student is pregnant.
- (3) The student is a parent.
- (4) The student is married.

(Amends R.S. 17:221(B))