
DIGEST

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HB No. 95

Abstract: Provides eligibility criteria for admission or readmission to a public school and prohibits a school board from denying admission or readmission based on certain student characteristics.

Present law prohibits a public school board from denying admission or readmission to school to any student of suitable age who resides within the geographic boundaries of the school system unless such student is legally excluded from attending school.

Proposed law requires a public school board to grant admission or readmission to school to any student who meets all of the following criteria:

- (1) Resides within the geographic boundaries of the school system.
- (2) Meets the eligibility requirements for school entrance pursuant to present law, which requires that a child be six by Sept. 30 of the calendar year in which the school year begins in order to enter the first grade of any public school.
- (3) Is 21 or younger on Sept. 30th of the calendar year in which the school year begins.
- (4) Has not received a high school diploma or its equivalent.
- (5) Is otherwise eligible for enrollment in a public school pursuant to present law and the policies of the local public school board and the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE).

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))