
DIGEST

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HB No. 407

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 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 person 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 20 or younger on Sept. 30 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 prohibits school boards from denying admission or readmission to a person if he:

- (1) Withdrew from school.
- (2) Is pregnant.
- (3) Is a parent.
- (4) Is married.

Proposed law requires that the admission or readmission of a person who is 20 be limited to

grade 12.

Proposed law further provides that the admission or readmission of any person who has been suspended or expelled from a La. public school is subject to all laws and policies applicable to such disciplinary actions.

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