
DIGEST

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HB No. 1016

Abstract: Provides for a State Seal of Biliteracy to be affixed on the diploma or transcript of a high school graduate who meets certain academic requirements relative to foreign language proficiency.

Proposed law provides for a State Seal of Biliteracy to be affixed on the high school diploma or transcript of a graduate who meets certain criteria and graduates from a school under the jurisdiction of a participating school governing authority. Proposed law encourages but does not require the participation of public school governing authorities.

Proposed law requires the state superintendent of education to prepare and deliver an appropriate insignia to be affixed to the diploma or transcript of eligible students to participating public school governing authorities, which are required to maintain records in order to identify students who have earned the seal and to affix it to their diplomas or transcripts.

Proposed law provides for specific academic eligibility requirements to earn the seal, including the attainment of proficiency in at least one language other than English, a minimum GPA in certain courses, and minimum scores on certain portions of the ACT.

Requires the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to promulgate rules for proposed law implementation.

(Adds R.S. 17:287)