

**HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**

House Bill No. 1016 by Representative Pierre

SCHOOLS/HIGH SCHOOL: Provides for State Seal of Biliteracy to recognize high school graduates who meet certain academic eligibility criteria relative to language proficiency

**Synopsis of Senate Amendments**

1. Removes minimum GPA requirements for English and world language course work.
2. Makes technical corrections.

**Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate**

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. 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 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. 17:273.4)