

# ACT No. 411

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 407

BY REPRESENTATIVES CARTER, KATRINA JACKSON, AND SMITH AND  
SENATOR THOMPSON

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 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.~~ person 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 nineteen years of age or younger on September thirtieth of the calendar  
19 year in which the school year begins or is twenty years of age on September thirtieth  
20 of the calendar year in which the school year begins and has sufficient course credits  
21 that he will be able to graduate within one school year of admission or readmission.

22 (d) Has not received a high school diploma or its equivalent.

1                 (e) Is otherwise eligible for enrollment in a public school pursuant to state  
2                 law and the policies of the local school board and the State Board of Elementary and  
3                 Secondary Education.

4                 (2) If a person meets all of the criteria in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection,  
5                 no city, parish, or other local public school board may deny him admission or  
6                 readmission based on any of the following characteristics:

7                     (a) The person voluntarily withdrew from school.

8                     (b) The person is pregnant.

9                     (c) The person is a parent.

10                    (d) The person is married.

11                    (3) The admission or readmission of a person who will be twenty years of  
12                    age on September thirtieth of the calendar year in which the school year begins shall  
13                    be limited to grade twelve.

14                    (4) The admission or readmission of any person who has been suspended or  
15                    expelled from a Louisiana public school is subject to all laws and policies applicable  
16                    to such disciplinary actions.

17                    (5) The admission or readmission of a person with an exceptionality is  
18                    subject to federal and state law governing the age of eligibility for services for  
19                    students with exceptionalities.

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