

New 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. Requires the state superintendent of education to prepare and deliver an appropriate insignia to participating public school governing authorities, which shall maintain records to identify students who have earned the seal and affix it to their diplomas or transcripts. 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 BESE to promulgate rules for new law implementation.

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(Adds R.S. 17:273.4)