

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 392 (HB 320)

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Woodruff

Existing law requires minors who withdraw from school prior to high school graduation, within 120 days of leaving, to either reenroll in school and make progress toward completing graduation requirements, enroll in a high school equivalency diploma program and make progress toward completing program requirements, or enlist in the La. National Guard or the U.S. Armed Forces, with a commitment for at least two years of service, and earn a high school equivalency diploma during the service period. New law exempts minors participating in a dropout recovery program from this requirement.

Existing law allows each school district and charter school that provides instruction to high school students to offer a dropout recovery program. New law adds that such districts and schools should maximize the use of federal Title 1 funds and at-risk funds provided through the minimum foundation program (MFP) formula to establish such programs.

Existing law requires that a student enrolled in such a program be included in the student enrollment count for the school or school district. New law adds that such students also shall be recorded on a monthly basis as program participants.

Existing law requires schools and school systems to take monthly action relative to students who meet the following criteria:

- (1) Have an individual graduation plan on file on or before the first school day of the month.
- (2) Met the expectations for satisfactory monthly progress for the month.
- (3) Did not meet the expectations for satisfactory monthly progress for the month but did meet the expectations one of the two previous months.
- (4) Met expectations for program reentry in the revised individual graduation plan in the previous month.

Prior law required that schools and school systems report to the state Dept. of Education (DOE) relative to these students each month. New law deletes the reporting requirement and instead requires schools and school systems to record monthly the students who meet these criteria.

Effective August 1, 2015.

(Amends R.S. 17:221.4(A) and (C)(intro. para.) and 221.6(A), (E)(intro. para.), and (I)(intro. para.); Adds R.S. 17:221.6(I)(4))