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HOUSE BILL NO. 985

BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHRODER

STUDENTS: Prohibits requiring students to complete certain financial aid forms as a requirement for graduation

1 AN ACT 2 To enact R.S. 17:2925(C), relative to individual graduation plans for students; to prohibit 3 requiring students to complete certain financial aid applications as a condition for 4 high school graduation or for any other purpose; and to provide for related matters. 5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana: 6 Section 1. R.S. 17:2925(C) is hereby enacted to read as follows: 7 §2925. Individual graduation plans; prohibitions 8 9 C. A student shall not be required to complete any application for federal 10 student aid, for the Taylor Opportunity Program for Students as provided in R.S. 11 17:5001 et seq., or for any other financial assistance program as part of his individual 12 graduation plan, as a requirement for graduation, or for any other purpose.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Prohibits requiring high school students to complete certain financial aid forms and TOPS applications as a condition for high school graduation or for any other purpose.

<u>Present law</u> requires students to develop individual graduation plans beginning in the eighth grade. Provides that the plan shall include the recommended sequence of courses for

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successful completion of a standard diploma and shall be reviewed annually and updated or revised as needed. Requires that the plan be signed by the student, the student's parent, and the school counselor.

<u>Proposed law</u> prohibits requiring a student to complete any application for federal student aid, the Taylor Opportunity Program for Students, or any other financial assistance program as part of his individual graduation plan, as a requirement for graduation, or for any other purpose. Otherwise retains <u>present law</u>.

(Adds R.S. 17:2925(C))