

Regular Session, 2009

HOUSE BILL NO. 308

BY REPRESENTATIVE LEBAS

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

STUDENTS: Provides for participation in a dual enrollment program at postsecondary education institutions by certain high school students enrolled in BESE-approved nonpublic schools or BESE-approved home study programs

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3137(B) and to repeal R.S. 17:3137(C) and (D), relative to
3 eligibility of high school students to participate in a dual enrollment program at
4 participating postsecondary education institutions; to provide relative to participation
5 in such program by a student who is enrolled in any Louisiana nonpublic high school
6 or participates in a home study program of education, including provisions relative
7 to conditions, limitations, tuition amounts, and prohibitions on the use of state funds
8 to pay such tuition; to remove provisions relative to a study and report by the Board
9 of Regents concerning certain program cost estimates; to provide an effective date;
10 and to provide for related matters.

11 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

12 Section 1. R.S. 17:3137(B) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

13 §3137. Dual enrollment program; legislative findings; eligible participants

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15 B. The Board of Regents shall provide for the participation of any student
16 who meets the following requirements:

- 17 (1) Is enrolled in a Louisiana public high school or is enrolled in a Louisiana
- 18 nonpublic high school that is approved by the State Board of Elementary and
- 19 Secondary Education pursuant to R.S. 17:11 or participates in a home study program
- 20 of education approved by the state board pursuant to R.S. 17:236.1.

- 1 (2) Is at least fifteen years of age.
- 2 (3) Is currently in the eleventh or twelfth grade.
- 3 (4) Meets any other eligibility criteria as the Board of Regents may require.

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5 Section 2. R.S. 17:3137(C) and (D) are hereby repealed in their entirety.

6 Section 3. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2009; if vetoed by the governor
7 and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on July 1,
8 2009, or on the day following such approval by the legislature, whichever is later.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Relative to eligibility of high school students to participate in a dual enrollment program at participating postsecondary education institutions, deletes provisions relative to participation in such program by an otherwise eligible student who is enrolled in any La. nonpublic high school or participates in a home study program of education. Provides instead for participation in the program by an otherwise eligible student who is enrolled in a La. nonpublic high school that is approved by BESE or participates in a home study program of education approved by BESE.

Relative to eligibility of high school students to participate in a dual enrollment program at participating postsecondary education institutions:

Present law (R.S. 17:3137(C)) provides for such participation by any student who is enrolled in a La. nonpublic school or participates in a home study program of education and who also meets certain other eligibility requirements. Prohibits use of state funds to pay the tuition of such a student. Provides, however, that the tuition amount charged to the student shall be the same as is paid by the state on behalf of a student attending a public high school.

Proposed law repeals present law. Provides instead for participation in the program by a student who is enrolled in a La. nonpublic high school that is approved by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) or participates in a home study program of education approved by BESE, and who meets other specified eligibility conditions also applicable to a student enrolled in a La. public high school.

Present law (R.S. 17:3137(D)) requires the Bd. of Regents to study and report to the legislature's education committees prior to the 2009 R.S. concerning certain program cost estimates. Proposed law repeals present law.

Effective July 1, 2009.

(Amends R.S. 17:3137(B); Repeals R.S. 17:3137(C) and (D))