

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 192

BY REPRESENTATIVE GUINN

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

STUDENT/HOME STUDY: Authorizes students age 19 and older to participate in approved home study programs

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:236.1(H), relative to home study programs; to authorize participation in  
3 such programs by students age nineteen and older; and to provide for related matters.

4 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

5 Section 1. R.S. 17:236.1(H) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

6 §236.1. Approval of home study programs

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8 H. A student who is age nineteen or older is eligible to participate in a home  
9 study program provided that the application submitted by the parent or legal guardian  
10 of the student is approved pursuant to the requirements of this Section.

11 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
12 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
13 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
14 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
15 effective on the day following such approval.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Authorizes students age 19 or older to participate in home study programs.

Present law establishes guidelines for approval by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) of home study programs for students who are not attending a "school" (defined in R.S. 17:236 as "an institution for the teaching of children, consisting of an adequate physical plant, whether owned or leased, instructional staff members, and students").

Present law further provides that "a home study program shall be approved if it offers a sustained curriculum of a quality at least equal to that offered by public schools at the same grade level." Provides methods for certifying the program meets such standards, including submitting standardized test scores or materials used by the student, third party statements of the student's progress, and other evidence of the quality of the program being offered.

Proposed law authorizes participation in home study programs by students who are age 19 or older, if such program otherwise meets the requirements for approval under present law.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 17:236.1(H))