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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))