

SENATE BILL NO. 207

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

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:183.4 and 3996(B)(4), relative to public high schools; to require that
3 certain public school students have access to vocational and technical education
4 courses; to provide for agreements; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 17:183.4 and 3996(B)(4) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 **§183.4. Vocational and technical education; partnering with other schools to**
8 **provide courses**

9 **A. All public high schools shall provide students the opportunity to enroll**
10 **in available vocational and technical education courses.**

11 **B.(1) If a high school does not offer vocational and technical education**
12 **courses, the governing authority of the school may enter into agreements to**
13 **partner with other public schools or with one or more two-year public**
14 **postsecondary education institutions in the state or with nonprofit proprietary**
15 **schools or Course Choice providers approved by the State Board of Elementary**
16 **and Secondary Education to provide available vocational and technical**
17 **education courses for the student as required in Subsection A of this Section.**
18 **Nothing in this Section shall be interpreted to supersede R.S. 17:4002.1 et seq.**

19 **(2) If the high school's approved mission or curriculum model does not**
20 **align with providing vocational and technical education courses, the governing**
21 **authority of the school may request a waiver from the State Board of**
22 **Elementary and Secondary Education of the requirements of Subsection A of**
23 **this Section.**

C. All public high schools shall advise students of the availability of the TOPS Tech Early Start Award for eligible students and shall provide information on the eligibility criteria of the award.

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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