

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 262

BY REPRESENTATIVE CHASSION

STUDENT/ASSESSMENT: Prohibits requiring students to pass state-administered end-of-course (LEAP) tests in order to graduate from high school

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:24.4(F)(1)(k), relative to high school graduation; to provide relative to
3 requirements for graduation; to prohibit requiring students to pass end-of-course
4 assessments to be eligible for high school graduation; and to provide for related
5 matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 17:24.4(F)(1)(k) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §24.4. Louisiana Competency-Based Education Program; statewide standards for
9 required subjects; Louisiana Educational Assessment Program; parish or city
10 school board comprehensive pupil progression plans; waivers

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14 (k) A student who successfully completes each Carnegie unit required for
15 high school graduation shall receive a high school diploma regardless of his
16 performance on any state-administered test.

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DIGEST

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Present law requires the state Dept. of Education (DOE) to implement the Louisiana Educational Assessment Program (LEAP) with the approval of the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE). Requires that BESE implement standards-based assessments in English language arts, math, science, and social studies and that the tests be administered, at a minimum, in grades 3-11. Also requires BESE to establish by rule the adequate test score to determine successful performance of the student on each test; present administrative rule (BESE policy) requires students to pass certain end-of-course assessments in order to be eligible for a high school diploma.

Proposed law provides that a student who successfully completes each Carnegie unit required for graduation shall receive a high school diploma regardless of scores on any state-administered tests.

(Adds R.S. 17:24.4(F)(1)(k))