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Abstract: Provides relative to career-related activities for public school students.

Present law requires schools to incorporate activities which expose students in grades 6-8 to career and technical and academic fields of study. Requires schools to provide students with at least six such activities at each grade level during each school year. Proposed law retains present law and further:

- (1) Requires activities to include at least three activities in certain specified categories (activities aligned to high-demand sectors in La. as identified by Louisiana Works, direct interaction with an employer, career pathway instruction linked to high school course options, and work-based learning exposure).
- (2) Requires that at least one annual activity be documented in the Individualized Graduation Plan as provided for in present law.
- (3) Requires schools enrolling K-5 students to provide them with at least one of these activities by the end of fifth grade.
- (4) Requires school boards to certify annual compliance to the state Dept. of Education and maintain auditable records of activities by grade.

Present law requires schools, as part of the development of Individualized Graduation Plans, to provide career awareness and exploration activities to students in grades 6-8, including career interest inventories. Proposed law specifically requires a career interest inventory in sixth grade and updated inventories in seventh and eighth grades.

(Amends R.S. 17:183.2(A) and 2925(B)(1))