
DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides for the development, review, and revision of student high school graduation plans.

Present law provides for the preparation of individual high school graduation plans for students. Proposed law revises present law as follows:

- (1) Present law requires the assistance of a student's parent or legal guardian and school counselor throughout the development of certain plan components by the end of the eighth grade and by the end of the 10th grade. Proposed law assigns the school counselor's responsibility to either the counselor or a career coach.
- (2) Present law provides for annual plan review and requires that the plan be signed by the student, his parent or legal guardian, and the school counselor upon the completion of the review. Proposed law assigns the school counselor's responsibility to either the counselor or a career coach.
- (3) Present law requires the school counselor to meet with the student's parent or legal guardian prior to plan revision either in person or virtually. Proposed law assigns the school counselor's responsibility to either the counselor or a career coach, specifies that this person meet with the parent or legal guardian individually, and provides that the meeting requirement applies unless the counselor or coach is notified by the parent or legal guardian that the parent or legal guardian chooses not to have this meeting.

(Amends R.S. 17:2925(A)(1), (3), (6), and (7))