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SB 504 Reengrossed

DIGEST
2026 Regular Session

Carter

Present law (R.S. 17:2925) provides that every student, by the end of the 8th grade, must begin to develop an Individual Graduation Plan or Individualized Education Program, if applicable, to guide the next academic year's course work and assist in exploring educational and career possibilities.

Proposed law retains present law and further provides that every Individual Graduation Plan and Individualized Education Program must include vocational training opportunities in the student's school district.

Proposed law provides that a parent or legal guardian of a student entering 11th grade can request an update to the student's Individual Graduation Plan or Individualized Education Program.

Proposed law provides that each school must use existing school staff, counselors, and other available resources to carry out proposed law.

Present law (R.S. 17:3996) provides that charter schools are exempt from statutory mandates or requirements applicable to public school except for certain laws listed in present law.

Proposed law retains present law and further provides that individual graduation plans are applicable to charter schools.

Effective on August 1, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 17:2925(A)(4), (5), (6), and (7); adds R.S. 17:2925(A)(8) and (9) and (D), and 3996(B)(92))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Makes technical changes.
2. Removes repetitive language that states the updated Individual Graduation Plan requested by a student's parent or legal guardian must include available vocational training opportunities.

3. Removes language that makes proposed law subject to appropriation of funds by the legislature.
4. Makes proposed law applicable to charter schools.