

SENATE BILL NO. 482

BY SENATOR REESE AND REPRESENTATIVES BROUSSARD, CARLSON,
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1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:2925(A)(1), (3), (6), and (7) and the introductory paragraph
3 of 2926(A) and (B)(1) and to enact R.S. 17:2926(D), (E), and (F), relative to public
4 middle and high school students; to provide with respect to individual graduation
5 plans for students; to authorize the use of career coaches and career coaching
6 vendors; to require the state Department of Education to publish certain information
7 on the department's website; and to provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 17:2925(A)(1), (3), (6), and (7) and the introductory paragraph of
10 2926(A) and (B)(1) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 17:2926(D), (E), and (F) are
11 hereby enacted to read as follows:

12 §2925. Individual graduation plans

13 A.(1) By the end of the eighth grade, every student, with the assistance of his
14 parent or legal guardian, ~~and school counselor,~~ **or career coach**, and for a student
15 with an exceptionality as defined in R.S. 17:1942, except a student identified as
16 gifted or talented and who has no other exceptionality, the student's Individualized
17 Education Program team, if applicable, shall begin to develop an Individual
18 Graduation Plan to guide the next academic year's course work and to assist the
19 student in exploring educational and career possibilities and in making appropriate
20 secondary and postsecondary education decisions as part of an overall postsecondary
21 plan.

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23 (3) By the end of the tenth grade, each student's Individual Graduation Plan,
24 based on the student's academic record, talents, and interests, shall outline high
25 school graduation requirements relevant to the student's chosen postsecondary goals.
26 Each student, with the assistance of his parent or legal guardian, ~~and school~~

1 counselor, or career coach, shall choose the high school curriculum framework and
 2 related graduation requirements that best meet his postsecondary goals. Each
 3 student's Individual Graduation Plan or the student's Individualized Education
 4 Program, if applicable, shall include the recommended sequence of courses for
 5 successful completion of a standard diploma.

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7 (6) Upon completion of the review, the plan shall be signed by the student,
 8 his parent or legal guardian, ~~and~~ the school counselor, or the career coach.

9 (7) Prior to revising a student's Individual Graduation Plan, the school
 10 counselor or career coach shall meet with the student's parent or legal guardian
 11 either in person or virtually to explain the possible impacts the revisions to the plan
 12 might have on the student's graduation requirements and postsecondary education
 13 goals. Any revisions to a student's plan shall be approved in writing by the student's
 14 parent or legal guardian.

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16 §2926. Student counseling; training and professional

17 A. The State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education shall develop an
 18 advisement policy for the middle and high school grades that local school districts
 19 ~~can~~ may use to equip school counselors or career coaches with the skills and
 20 information needed to:

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22 B.(1) The state Department of Education shall provide professional
 23 development and in-service training opportunities to school counselors or career
 24 coaches regarding development of individual graduation plans.

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26 D. Each city, parish, or other local public school board may provide for
 27 the individualized student planning and career coaching required by this
 28 Section through the use of school counselors or career coaches.

29 (1) No later than January 1, 2027, the state Department of Education
 30 shall publish on its website a list of high-quality career coaching vendors from

1 which schools may select.

2 (2) Each city, parish, or other local public school board may form
3 regional consortia to share the costs of contracting with career coaches.

4 E. Each city, parish, or other local public school board shall include a
5 description of its plan to provide career coaching to each student as part of the
6 pupil progression plan developed pursuant to R.S. 17:24.4.

7 F. The state Department of Education shall annually publish on its
8 website a list of each city, parish, or other local public school board that have
9 not spent more than ninety-five percent of the career development fund dollars
10 appropriated for the previous fiscal year.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____