

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 201

BY REPRESENTATIVES MCKIN AND CHASSION

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:273.5, relative to high school diplomas; to create a State Seal of Fine Arts;
3 to provide for academic eligibility criteria; to provide for requirements of the state
4 superintendent of education, participating school governing authorities, and the State
5 Board of Elementary and Secondary Education; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 17:273.5 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §273.5. State Seal of Fine Arts

9 A. The State Seal of Fine Arts, referred to in this Section as the "seal",
10 certifies that a student meets all of the following criteria:

11 (1) Completion of four credits in the same arts discipline, such as music,
12 dance, visual arts, theater, media arts, or culinary arts.

13 (2) A minimum grade point average of 3.00 for the arts credits completed.

14 (3) Completion of an arts-related capstone performance or portfolio.

15 B. The state superintendent of education shall do the following:

16 (1) Prepare and deliver to participating school governing authorities an
17 appropriate insignia to be affixed to the diploma or transcript of a student who has
18 earned the seal.

19 (2) Provide other information he deems necessary for school governing
20 authorities to successfully participate in the seal program.

21 C. A participating public school governing authority shall maintain
22 appropriate records in order to identify students who have earned the seal and affix

1 the appropriate insignia to the diploma or transcript of each student who earns the
2 seal.

3 D. The State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education shall
4 promulgate rules in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act to implement
5 the provisions of this Section, including but not limited to requirements for a
6 capstone performance or portfolio as provided for in Paragraph (A)(3) of this
7 Section.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____