

**ACT No. 438**

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 649

BY REPRESENTATIVE BRASS

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:2943, relative to dual enrollment; to provide for the  
3 responsibilities of the Board of Regents, public postsecondary education institutions,  
4 and public postsecondary education management boards; to require a uniform,  
5 statewide application process for all high school students; and to provide for related  
6 matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 17:2943 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

9 §2943. Rules and regulations

10 A. The Board of Regents, in consultation with the State Board of Elementary  
11 and Secondary Education, shall adopt rules and regulations for the implementation  
12 of this Chapter.

13 B.(1) The Board of Regents, in coordination with Louisiana public  
14 postsecondary education institutions, shall establish and administer a uniform,  
15 statewide application process for high school students to apply to participate in dual  
16 enrollment programs.

17 (2) Each public postsecondary education institution shall participate in the  
18 process established in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection, unless an institution provides  
19 written notice of non-participation to its management board.

20 (3) Each public postsecondary education management board, in coordination  
21 with the Board of Regents, shall coordinate and adopt institutional implementation

1           plans to improve student access, efficiency, and cost savings to include, at a  
2           minimum, rules for notice of non-participation and re-entry into participation.

3           (4) Each public postsecondary education management board, in consultation  
4           with the Board of Regents, shall adopt a standard uniform dual enrollment tuition rate  
5           for all dual enrollment courses.

6           C. The Board of Regents, in consultation with the State Board of Elementary  
7           and Secondary Education, shall manage the grants pursuant to R.S. 17:2944,  
8           including but not limited to ~~application requirements, evaluation criteria,~~ evaluation  
9           criteria and selection.

10           €: D. Nothing in this Chapter is intended to prohibit a city, parish, and other  
11           local public school board from developing and continuing an interinstitutional  
12           articulation and transfer agreement with a public postsecondary education institution  
13           relative to dual enrollment.

14           Section 2. The provisions of R.S. 17:2943 as amended and reenacted by Section 1  
15           of this Act shall be implemented no later than the beginning of the 2027-2028 school year.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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