

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 490 (SB 322)

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Existing law defines "apprentice" and establishes certain age, program, and employment requirements.

New law retains existing law.

New law provides that a La. Youth Apprentice is an apprentice who meets all of the following criteria:

- (1) He is no older than 24 years of age.
- (2) He has entered into a written registered apprenticeship agreement that both:
 - (a) Provides for not less than 375 hours of reasonably continuous employment.
 - (b) Provides for participation in an approved program of training through paid employment and through education in related and supplemental subjects that results in a high school diploma or equivalent, an advanced industry-based credential, a certificate of technical studies or equivalent, or a more advanced credential.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 23:386)