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HOUSE BILL NO. 1014

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EDUCATION: Provides relative to high school students

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact 17:183.3(D)(1)(b)(ii) and (iii) and (2), relative to high school
3 students; to provide relative to requirements pertaining to the career option program;
4 and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 17:183.3(D)(1)(b)(ii) and (iii) and (2) are hereby amended and
7 reenacted to read as follows:

8 §183.3. Career major; description; curriculum and graduation requirements

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10 D.(1) A student who seeks to pursue a career major curriculum ~~must~~ shall
11 meet one of the following conditions:

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13 (b)

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15 (ii) Prior to entering the ninth grade, such student ~~must~~ shall complete a
16 summer remediation program in the subject area of any component of the eighth
17 grade Louisiana Educational Assessment Program test on which the student scored
18 at the unsatisfactory level, as established by the State Board of Elementary and
19 Secondary Education. Any such student who fails to satisfactorily complete a
20 summer remediation program shall be required to complete any approved

developmental course or courses, for credit, as may be deemed necessary to ensure that the student is prepared to undertake the coursework required for his chosen career major.

(iii) The State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education shall certify that the pupil progression plan established by each city, parish, or other local public school system that promotes a student to the ninth grade pursuant to this Subparagraph contains the following requirements:

(aa) Such student, at a minimum, ~~must~~ shall have achieved a cumulative grade point average of at least 1.5 on a 4.0 scale for coursework required for completion of the eighth grade.

(bb) Such student ~~must~~ shall have demonstrated acceptable attendance and behavior standards as determined by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education.

(cc) Such student ~~must~~ shall participate, during his first year in high school, in a dropout prevention and mentoring program developed in consultation with school guidance personnel, as approved by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education.

(2) Every student who seeks to pursue a career major ~~must~~ shall have the written permission of his parent or other legal guardian, after consultation with the school guidance counselor or other school administrator and a determination that participation in a career major curriculum and pursuit of a career diploma issued by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education is appropriate and in the best interest of the student.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides relative to the high school career option program.

Present law, relative to the high school career option program, provides for an academic major (college prep. courses) and a career major (academic courses and modern vocational studies). Requires the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) to develop and adopt requirements for career major programs offered by school boards and to issue a career diploma to students who successfully complete such requirements. Requires students in a career major program to complete an academic core of courses and a career and technical sequence of courses and specifies course requirements. Requires students pursuing a career major to have the written permission of his parent or legal guardian. Provides specific conditions for students seeking to pursue a career major curriculum. Proposed law makes technical changes and otherwise retains present law.

(Amends 183.3(D)(1)(b)(ii) and (iii) and (2))