

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 976

BY REPRESENTATIVE LEGER

SCHOOLS/CHOICE: Requires the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to authorize online or virtual education providers for the Course Choice Program if they meet specified criteria

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AN ACT

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To enact R.S. 17:4002.4(A)(3), relative to the Course Choice Program; to require the State

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Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to authorize online or virtual

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education providers for the program if they meet specified criteria; and to provide

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for related matters.

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Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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Section 1. R.S. 17:4002.4(A)(3) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

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§4002.4. State board; powers and duties relative to course providers

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(3) Notwithstanding the requirements for the authorization process provided

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in Paragraphs (1) and (2) of this Subsection, the state board shall authorize any

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online or virtual education provider if its curriculum is used by at least ten school

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systems, is aligned with the standards of the International Association for K-12

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Online Learning, and is cleared by the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education to authorize an online or virtual education provider for the Course Choice Program if it meets specified criteria.

Present law provides for the Course Choice Program, through which students may enroll in courses offered by a course provider, including online or virtual education providers. Requires that course providers be authorized by the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) and provides a process for such authorization.

Proposed law provides that notwithstanding such authorization process, BESE shall authorize an online or virtual education provider if its curriculum meets all of the following criteria:

- (1) It is used by least 10 school systems.
- (2) It is aligned with the standards of the International Assoc. for K-12 Online Learning.
- (3) It is cleared by the National Collegiate Athletic Assoc.

(Adds R.S. 17:4002.4(A)(3))