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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))