SENATE BILL NO. 50

BY SENATOR HEWITT AND REPRESENTATIVE GAROFALO

1	AN ACT
2	To enact R.S. 17:4035.2, relative to public school choice in certain high school programs;
3	to provide for high school programs of choice; to provide for eligibility criteria for
4	students and high schools; to provide for restrictions; to provide relative to the
5	responsibilities of public school systems; and to provide for related matters.
6	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
7	Section 1. R.S. 17:4035.2 is hereby enacted to read as follows:
8	§4035.2. Public high school program of choice
9	A. For the purposes of this Section, a "program of choice" shall mean a
10	public high school program that allows a student to concurrently pursue a high
11	school diploma and one of the following:
12	(1) A postsecondary degree, credential, or certificate.
13	(2) A state-registered apprenticeship or pre-apprenticeship.
14	B. A student may enroll in a program of choice offered within his school
15	system, without regard to attendance zones, provided that both of the following
16	apply:
17	(1) The program of choice and the high school offering the program have

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by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
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effective on the day following such approval.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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APPROVED: _____