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SENATE BILL NO. 475

BY SENATOR OWEN

SCHOOLS. Allows the Health Education course to be offered virtually under certain circumstances. (gov sig)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:17.8, relative to curricula requirements; to provide relative to high school
3 graduation requirements; to provide for virtual teaching under certain circumstances;
4 to provide relative to a virtual Health Education course; and to provide for related
5 matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 17:17.8 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 **§17.8. Health Education requirement; virtual course**

9 **A. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, a one-half**
10 **credit course in Health Education that is required for a high school diploma**
11 **shall be offered virtually to any student that is required to enroll in a physical**
12 **education course for at least two consecutive school years.**

13 **B. No policy or administrative rule promulgated by the State Board of**
14 **Elementary and Secondary Education that is contrary to this Section shall be**
15 **enforced.**

16 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
17 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature

1 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
2 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
3 effective on the day following such approval.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Michael Bell.

DIGEST

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Present law provides for the career major program through which high school students complete both an academic core of courses and a career and technical sequence of courses or training programs that lead to an approved industry-based credential.

Present law provides a specific high school curriculum for the career major, including at least two credits in Health and Physical Education, one-half credit of which must be Health Education.

Proposed law retains present law and present agency rule but adds an exception from the Health Education requirement for a student that is required to enroll in a physical education course for at least two consecutive school years.

Proposed law prohibits the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education from enforcing a rule or policy that is contrary to proposed law.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 17:17.8)