Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 407

BY REPRESENTATIVES CARTER, KATRINA JACKSON, AND SMITH AND SENATOR THOMPSON

1	AN ACT
2	To amend and reenact R.S. 17:221(B), relative to school attendance; to provide relative to
3	eligibility criteria for admission or readmission to a public school; to prohibit city,
4	parish, and other local public school boards from denying admission or readmission
5	based on certain characteristics; and to provide for related matters.
6	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
7	Section 1. R.S. 17:221(B) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
8	§221. School attendance; compulsory ages; duty of parents; excessive absences;
9	condition for driving privileges
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11	B.(1) No A city, parish, or other local public school board shall deny grant
12	admission or readmission to school of to any student of suitable age who resides
13	within the geographic boundaries of the school system unless such student is legally
14	excluded from attending school. person who meets all of the following criteria:
15	(a) Resides within the geographic boundaries of the school system.
16	(b) Meets the eligibility requirements for school entrance pursuant to R.S.
17	<u>17:222(A).</u>
18	(c) Is nineteen years of age or younger on September thirtieth of the calendar
19	year in which the school year begins or is twenty years of age on September thirtieth
20	of the calendar year in which the school year begins and has sufficient course credits
21	that he will be able to graduate within one school year of admission or readmission.
22	(d) Has not received a high school diploma or its equivalent.

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1	(e) Is otherwise eligible for enrollment in a public school pursuant to state
2	law and the policies of the local school board and the State Board of Elementary and
3	Secondary Education.
4	(2) If a person meets all of the criteria in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection,
5	no city, parish, or other local public school board may deny him admission or
6	readmission based on any of the following characteristics:
7	(a) The person voluntarily withdrew from school.
8	(b) The person is pregnant.
9	(c) The person is a parent.
10	(d) The person is married.
11	(3) The admission or readmission of a person who will be twenty years of
12	age on September thirtieth of the calendar year in which the school year begins shall
13	be limited to grade twelve.
14	(4) The admission or readmission of any person who has been suspended or
15	expelled from a Louisiana public school is subject to all laws and policies applicable
16	to such disciplinary actions.
17	(5) The admission or readmission of a person with an exceptionality is
18	subject to federal and state law governing the age of eligibility for services for
19	students with exceptionalities.
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