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Abstract: Provides relative to considerations the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) shall make in its authorization of proposed course providers for participation in the Course Choice Program.

Present law establishes the Course Choice Program, through which elementary and secondary students may enroll in course work offered by a course provider. Defines a "course provider" as an entity that offers individual courses in person or online, including but not limited to online or virtual education providers, postsecondary education institutions, and corporations that offer vocational or technical course work. Requires that course providers be authorized to provide courses by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE). Requires BESE to create a process for such authorization that shall determine whether each proposed course provider complies with present law and BESE policy and whether the proposal:

- (1) Is valid, complete, financially well-structured, and educationally sound.
- (2) Provides a plan for collecting data in accordance with present law.
- (3) Offers potential for fulfilling present law purposes.

Proposed law revises the criterion in (3) above to require BESE to determine whether the proposal offers a substantial likelihood – rather than potential – to fulfill present law purposes.

(Amends R.S. 17:4002.4(A)(1))