

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 985

BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHRODER

STUDENTS: Prohibits requiring students to complete certain financial aid forms as a requirement for graduation

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:2925(C), relative to individual graduation plans for students; to prohibit  
3 requiring students to complete certain financial aid applications as a condition for  
4 high school graduation or for any other purpose; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 17:2925(C) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §2925. Individual graduation plans; prohibitions

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9 C. A student shall not be required to complete any application for federal  
10 student aid, for the Taylor Opportunity Program for Students as provided in R.S.  
11 17:5001 et seq., or for any other financial assistance program as part of his individual  
12 graduation plan, as a requirement for graduation, or for any other purpose.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Prohibits requiring high school students to complete certain financial aid forms and TOPS applications as a condition for high school graduation or for any other purpose.

Present law requires students to develop individual graduation plans beginning in the eighth grade. Provides that the plan shall include the recommended sequence of courses for

successful completion of a standard diploma and shall be reviewed annually and updated or revised as needed. Requires that the plan be signed by the student, the student's parent, and the school counselor.

Proposed law prohibits requiring a student to complete any application for federal student aid, the Taylor Opportunity Program for Students, or any other financial assistance program as part of his individual graduation plan, as a requirement for graduation, or for any other purpose. Otherwise retains present law.

(Adds R.S. 17:2925(C))