

2015 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 69

BY SENATOR NEVERS

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT. Requires the Dept. of Education to pay the cost of certain postsecondary remedial and developmental coursework required of public high school graduates. (gov sig)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:401, relative to remedial and developmental coursework; to require the
3 state Department of Education to ensure that every graduate from a Louisiana high
4 school is college and career ready; to require the department to provide instructional
5 assistance to students unprepared for postsecondary coursework; to require the
6 department to pay the cost for certain remedial and developmental coursework
7 required of public high school graduates enrolled in public postsecondary
8 institutions; and to provide for related matters.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. R.S. 17:401 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 **§401. College and career ready; cost of remedial and developmental**
12 **postsecondary coursework**

13 **A. The department shall ensure that every student who graduates from**
14 **a Louisiana public high school has the basic knowledge and skills to be college**
15 **and career ready and shall provide for additional instructional assistance to**
16 **students who have demonstrated insufficient academic achievement to**
17 **successfully undertake postsecondary coursework.**

1 **B.(1) The department shall pay the cost of any remedial or**
 2 **developmental coursework in English, reading, mathematics, or science**
 3 **required of a graduate of a Louisiana public high school by a Louisiana public**
 4 **institution of postsecondary education as a condition of admission or**
 5 **enrollment.**

6 **(2) The provisions of this Subsection shall only apply to remedial and**
 7 **developmental coursework completed by the student during the academic year**
 8 **immediately following enrollment in the postsecondary educational institution.**

9 **C.(1) The provisions of this Section shall be implemented as**
 10 **expeditiously and to the maximum extent possible utilizing any and all available**
 11 **public and private funding sources, including legislative appropriation, grants,**
 12 **and donations.**

13 **(2) The state Department of Education shall diligently identify and**
 14 **pursue the funding necessary to fully implement the provisions of this Section.**

15 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
 16 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
 17 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
 18 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
 19 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 Jeanne C. Johnston.

DIGEST

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Proposed law:

- (1) Requires the Dept. of Education (DOE) to ensure that every student who graduates from a La. public high school has the basic knowledge and skills to be college and career ready. Further requires DOE to provide for additional instructional assistance to students who have demonstrated insufficient academic achievement to successfully undertake postsecondary coursework.
- (2) Requires DOE to pay the cost of any remedial or developmental coursework in English, reading, mathematics, or science required of a graduate of a La. public high school by a La. public institution of postsecondary education as a condition of admission or enrollment. Further provides that this requirement only applies to remedial and developmental coursework completed by the student during the

academic year immediately following enrollment in the postsecondary educational institution.

- (3) Provides that proposed law shall be implemented as expeditiously and to the maximum extent possible utilizing any and all available public and private funding sources, including legislative appropriation, grants, and donations.
- (4) Requires DOE to diligently identify and pursue the funding necessary to fully implement proposed law.

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

(Adds R.S. 17:401)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Education to the original bill

1. Makes implementation contingent upon funding.
2. Requires DOE to identify and pursue funding sources.