

Regular Session, 2010

SENATE BILL NO. 701

BY SENATOR MARIONNEAUX

STUDENTS. Provides relative to options available to certain high school dropouts pursuant to court order. (8/15/10)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:221.4(C) and (D), relative to education; to provide relative to options
3 available to certain high school dropouts pursuant to court order; and to provide for
4 related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 17:221.4(C) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §221.4. Dropout prevention and recovery program

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9 **C. A student, under eighteen years of age, who withdraws from school,**
10 **voluntarily or involuntarily, prior to graduating from high school, shall exercise**
11 **one of the following options within one hundred twenty days of leaving school:**

12 **(1) Re-enroll in school and make continual progress toward completing**
13 **the requirements for high school graduation.**

14 **(2) Enroll in a high school equivalency diploma program and make**
15 **continual progress toward completing the requirements for earning such**
16 **diploma.**

17 **(3) Enlist in the Louisiana National Guard or a branch of the United**

1 **States Armed Forces, with a commitment for at least two years of service, and**
 2 **earn a high school equivalency diploma during such service period.**

3 **D. The provisions of Subsection C of this Section shall only apply to**
 4 **students who have been ruled to be truants, pursuant to the provisions of**
 5 **Chapter 15 of Title VII of the Louisiana Children's Code, by a court of**
 6 **competent jurisdiction and ordered by the court to comply with the provisions**
 7 **thereof.**

The original instrument was prepared by Heyward Jeffers. The following digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared by Jeanne Johnston.

DIGEST

Marionneaux (SB 701)

Proposed law provides that a student under the age of eighteen who withdraws from school, voluntarily or involuntarily, prior to graduating, shall exercise one of the following options:

- (1) Re-enroll in school and make continual progress toward completing the requirements for high school graduation.
- (2) Enroll in a high school equivalency diploma program and make continual progress toward completing the requirements for earning such diploma.
- (3) Enlist in the Louisiana National Guard or a branch of the United States Armed Forces, with a commitment for at least two years of service, and earn a high school equivalency diploma during such service period.

Provides that proposed law shall only apply to students who have been ruled to be truants, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 15 of Title VII of the Louisiana Children's Code, by a court of competent jurisdiction and ordered by the court to comply with proposed law.

Effective August 15, 2010.

(Adds R.S. 17:221.4(C) and (D))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

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

1. Limits applicability to students under age 18 who have been ruled by the courts to be truants and ordered to comply with proposed law.