

SENATE BILL NO. 701

BY SENATOR MARIONNEAUX AND REPRESENTATIVES ARMES, AUSTIN
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DOWNS, HINES, HOFFMANN, RICHARDSON, RITCHIE,
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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) and (D) are 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**
10 **school prior to graduating from high school, shall exercise one of the**
11 **following options within one hundred twenty days of leaving school:**

12 **(1) Reenroll in school and make continual progress toward**
13 **completing 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**
18 **United States Armed Forces, with a commitment for at least two years of**
19 **service, and earn a high school equivalency diploma during such service**
20 **period.**

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

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____