

Regular Session, 2012

HOUSE BILL NO. 525

BY REPRESENTATIVE BARROW

SCHOOLS/HIGH SCHOOL: Requires public high school students to perform community service as a prerequisite for graduation

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:264 and 3996(B)(30), relative to public high school graduation
3 requirements; to require students to perform community service hours as a
4 prerequisite for graduation; to provide relative to rules, guidelines, and
5 implementation; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 17:264 and 3996(B)(30) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §264. Community service; required hours

9 A. Each public high school student shall perform community service as a
10 prerequisite for graduation, as follows:

11 (1) Students graduating in the 2012-2013 school year shall complete ten
12 hours of community service.

13 (2) Students graduating in the 2013-2014 school year shall complete twenty
14 hours of community service.

15 (3) Students graduating in the 2014-2015 school year shall complete thirty
16 hours of community service.

17 (4) Students graduating in the 2015-2016 school year and thereafter shall
18 complete forty hours of community service.

19 B. The State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education shall adopt
20 necessary rules and guidelines for the proper implementation of this Section, and

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1 each city, parish, and other local public school board shall provide for such
2 community service in accordance with such rules and guidelines.

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4 §3996. Charter schools; exemptions; requirements

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6 B. Notwithstanding any state law, rule, or regulation to the contrary and
7 except as may be otherwise specifically provided for in an approved charter, a
8 charter school established and operated in accordance with the provisions of this
9 Chapter and its approved charter and the school's officers and employees shall be
10 exempt from all statutory mandates or other statutory requirements that are
11 applicable to public schools and to public school officers and employees except for
12 the following laws otherwise applicable to public schools with the same grades:

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14 (30) Community service requirements for students, R.S. 17:264.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires high school students to perform community service prior to graduation.

Proposed law requires high school students to perform community service as a prerequisite for graduation and provides for the following requirements relative to students graduating in certain school years:

- (1) 2012-13: 10 hours.
- (2) 2013-14: 20 hours.
- (3) 2014-15: 30 hours.
- (4) 2015-16 and thereafter: 40 hours.

Proposed law requires BESE to adopt rules and guidelines for implementation and requires school boards to provide for such community service in accordance with these rules and guidelines.

(Adds 17:264 and 3996(B)(30))