

- 1 **one hundred twenty days of expulsion or legally and voluntarily withdrawing**
2 **from their school system.**
- 3 **(3) Enlist in the Louisiana National Guard for a period of not less than**
4 **two years service within one hundred twenty days of expulsion or legally and**
5 **voluntarily withdrawing from their school system, and obtain a high school**
6 **equivalency diploma during such service.**
- 7 **(4) Enlist in a branch of the United States Armed Forces for a period of**
8 **not less than two years service within one hundred twenty days of expulsion or**
9 **legally and voluntarily withdrawing from their school system and obtain a high**
10 **school equivalency diploma during such service.**

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DIGEST

Present law provides for adult and community education programs, successful completion of which by a student makes the student eligible to receive a high school equivalency diploma.

Proposed law provides that students who fail to graduate from high school as a result of legally and voluntarily withdrawing from their school systems shall perform one of the following:

1. Reenter their school system within 120 days of legally and voluntarily withdrawing.
2. Initiate action to obtain a high school equivalency diploma within 120 days of being expelled or legally and voluntarily withdrawing.
3. Enlist in the Louisiana National Guard within 120 days of expulsion or legally and voluntarily withdrawing from their school system for a period of not less than two years service and complete the required course for eligibility for a high school equivalency diploma during such service.
4. Enlist in a branch of the U.S. Armed Forces within 120 days of expulsion or legally and voluntarily withdrawing from their school system for a period of not less than two years service and complete the required courses for eligibility for a high school equivalency diploma during such service.

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