NOTICE OF INTENT

BOARD OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

Honorary Diplomas (LAC 28: I.1501)

In accordance with the provision of R.S. 17:6(A)(10) and the Administrative Procedure Act (APA), R.S. 49:953(B)(1) et seq., the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) proposes to amend LAC 28:I. in BESE/8g Operations. The proposed revision is in response to House Resolution 256 of the 2023 Regular Legislative Session that requested BESE, in collaboration with the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE), to develop policy related to the issuance of posthumous high school diplomas to deceased high school students.

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- 1. For purposes of this Section, a cohort is defined as all students who entered ninth grade for the first time in the state of Louisiana in a given academic year.
 - 2. The student must have been enrolled and in good standing with the school at the time of the student's death.
 - 3. The deceased student must not have been convicted of a felony before the student's death.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with La. R.S. 17:6(A)(10).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, LR 41:1273 (July 2015), LR 50:

COMPARISON DOCUMENT

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BOARD OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION FAMILY IMPACT STATEMENT

(LA R.S. 49:953 and 972)

Person Preparing Statement:

<u>Ashley Townsend</u> <u>225-342-3446</u>

Phone:

Division:

Governmental, Administrative, and Public Affairs

Rule Title:

Part I. BESE/8g Operations (LAC 28:I.1501)

In accordance with Section 953 and 974 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes, there is hereby submitted a Family Impact Statement on the rule proposed for adoption, repeal or amendment. All Family Impact Statements shall be kept on file in the State Board Office which has adopted, amended, or repealed a rule in accordance with the applicable provisions of the law relating to public records.

PLEASE RESPOND (YES, NO, OR LACKS SUFFICIENT INFORMATION TO DETERMINE) TO THE FOLLOWING:

- 1. Will the proposed Rule affect the stability of the family? No
- Will the proposed Rule affect the authority and rights of parents regarding the education and supervision of 2. their children? No
- Will the proposed Rule affect the functioning of the family? 3.
- Will the proposed Rule affect family earnings and family budget? No 4.
- Will the proposed Rule affect the behavior and personal responsibility of children? 5. No
- Is the family or local government able to perform the function as contained in the proposed Rule? Yes 6.

Signature of Contact Person: 1/19/2024 Date Submitted:

POVERTY IMPACT STATEMENT (LA R.S. 49:973)

Person Preparing Statement: Ashley Townsend Phone: __225-342-3446 Division: __Governmental, Administrative, and Public Affairs Rule Title: Part I. BESE/8g Operations (LAC 28:I.1501)

In accordance with Section 973 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes, there is hereby submitted a Poverty Impact Statement on the rule proposed for adoption, amendment, or repeal. All Poverty Impact Statements shall be in writing and kept on file in the state agency which has adopted, amended, or repealed a rule in accordance with the applicable provisions of the law relating to public records. For the purposes of this Section, the word "poverty" means living at or below one hundred percent of the federal poverty line.

PLEASE RESPOND (YES, NO, OR LACKS SUFFICIENT INFORMATION TO DETERMINE) TO THE FOLLOWING:

- Will the proposed Rule affect the household income, assets, and financial authority? No Will the proposed Rule affect early childhood development and preschool through postsecondary education 2. development? No
- Will the proposed Rule affect employment and workforce development? 3. 4.

Will the proposed Rule affect taxes and tax credits? No Will the proposed Rule affect child and dependent care, housing, health care, nutrition, transportation, and utilities assistance? No

Signature of Contact Person: Date Submitted:

Small Business Statement

The impact of the proposed Rule on small businesses as defined in the Regulatory Flexibility Act has been considered. It is estimated that the proposed action is not expected to have a significant adverse impact on small businesses. The agency, consistent with health, safety, environmental and economic welfare factors has considered and, where possible, utilized regulatory methods in the drafting of the proposed rule that will accomplish the objectives of applicable statutes while minimizing the adverse impact of the proposed rule on small businesses.

Provider Impact Statement

The proposed Rule should not have any known or foreseeable impact on providers as defined by HCR 170 of 2014 Regular Legislative Session. In particular, there should be no known or foreseeable effect on:

- 1. the effect on the staffing level requirements or qualifications required to provide the same level of service;
- 2. the total direct and indirect effect on the cost to the providers to provide the same level of service; or
- 3. the overall effect on the ability of the provider to provide the same level of service.

Public Comments

Interested persons may submit written comments via the U.S. Mail until noon, March 11, 2024, to Shan N. Davis, Executive Director, Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, Box 94064, Capitol Station, Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9064. Written comments may also be hand delivered to Shan Davis, Executive Director, Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, Suite 5-190, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802 and must be date stamped by the BESE office on the date received. Public comments must be dated and include the original signature of the person submitting the comments.

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

Person Preparing Dept.: LA Department of Education Statement: <u>Ashley Townsend</u> Board of Elementary & Secondary Education Office: Governmental, Admin., and Public Affairs Phone: 225-342-3446 Rule Return Title: Address: P.O. Box 94064 Part I. BESE/8g Operations (LAC 28:I.1501) Baton Rouge, LA Date Rule

Takes Effect: Upon final adoption by BESE

SUMMARY

In accordance with Section 961 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes, there is hereby submitted a fiscal and economic impact statement on the rule proposed for adoption, repeal or amendment. THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS SUMMARIZE ATTACHED WORKSHEETS, I THROUGH IV AND WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE LOUISIANA REGISTER WITH THE PROPOSED AGENCY RULE.

ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

There are no anticipated implementation costs or savings to state or local governmental units due to the proposed rule change. The change is in response to House Resolution 256 of the 2023 Regular Legislative Session requesting that BESE, in collaboration with the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE), develop a policy relative to the issuance of posthumous high school diplomas to deceased high school students.

II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

There is no anticipated effect on revenue collections of state or local governmental units as a result of the proposed rule change.

III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS, SMALL BUSINESSES, OR NON-GOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)

There are no anticipated costs or economic benefits to directly affected persons, small businesses, or nongovernmental groups as a result of the proposed rule change.

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

There are no anticipated impacts on competition and employment a result of the proposed rule change.

Legislative Fiscal Officer or Designee

Beth Scioneaux, Deputy Superintendent for Management and Finance

Typed Name & Title of Agency Head or Designee

Date of Signature

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

The following information is required in order to assist the Legislative Fiscal Office in its review of the fiscal and economic impact statement and to assist the appropriate legislative oversight subcommittee in its deliberation on the proposed rule.

A. Provide a brief summary of the content of the rule (if proposed for adoption, or repeal) or a brief summary of the change in the rule (if proposed for amendment). Attach a copy of the notice of intent and a copy of the rule proposed for initial adoption or repeal (or, in the case of a rule change, copies of both the current and proposed rules with amended portions indicated).

The proposed revisions to *BESE Code/8g Operations* outline the conditions for which secondary schools may issue a posthumous diploma to a student who passed away while enrolled in a Louisiana high school cohort.

B. Summarize the circumstances, which require this action. If the Action is required by federal regulation, attach a copy of the applicable regulation.

C.

The aforementioned change is in response to House Resolution 256 of the 2023 Regular Legislative Session requesting that BESE, in collaboration with the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE), develop a policy relative to the issuance of posthumous high school diplomas to deceased high school students.

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Co	mpliance with Act 1	1 of the 1986 Firs	st Extraordin	ary Session		
(1)	Will the proposed source of funding.	•	lt in any incr	ease in the exp	enditure of funds? If so, s	pecify amount and
	No.					
(2)	If the answer to (1) above is yes, has the Legislature specifically appropriated the funds necessary for the associated expenditure increase?					
	(a)	Yes. If yes, atta	ch documen	tation.		
	(b)	NO. If no, prov	vide justifica	tion as to why	this rule change should b	e published at this

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT WORKSHEET

I. A. COSTS OR SAVINGS TO STATE AGENCIES RESULTING FROM THE ACTION PROPOSED

1. What is the anticipated increase (decrease) in costs to implement the proposed action?

There is not anticipated cost or savings to state agencies as a result of the proposed rule change.

COSTS	FY 24	FY 25	FY 26	<u>.</u>
Personal Services	0	0	0	
Operating Expenses	0	0	• 0	
Professional Services	0	0	0	
Other Charges	0	0	0	
Equipment	0	0	0	
Major Repairs & Constr.	0	0	0	
TOTAL	0	0	0	
POSITIONS (#)	0	0	0	

Provide a narrative explanation of the costs or savings shown in "A. 1.", including the increase or reduction
in workload or additional paperwork (number of new forms, additional documentation, etc.) anticipated as
a result of the implementation of the proposed action. Describe all data, assumptions, and methods used in
calculating these costs.

Not applicable.

3. Sources of funding for implementing the proposed rule or rule change.

Not applicable.

SOURCE	FY 24	FY 25	FY 26	
State General Fund	0	0	0	
Agency Self-Generated	0	0	0	
Dedicated	0	0	0	
Federal Funds	0	0	0	
Other (Specify)	0	0	0	
TOTAL	0	0	0	

4. Does your agency currently have sufficient funds to implement the proposed action? If not, how and when do you anticipate obtaining such funds?

Not applicable.

B. COST OR SAVINGS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS RESULTING FROM THE ACTION PROPOSED.

 Provide an estimate of the anticipated impact of the proposed action on local governmental units, including adjustments in workload and paperwork requirements. Describe all data, assumptions and methods used in calculating this impact.

There is no anticipated impact to local governmental units as a result of the proposed rule change.

2. Indicate the sources of funding of the local governmental unit, which will be affected by these costs or savings.

Not applicable.

II. EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS

A. What increase (decrease) in revenues can be anticipated from the proposed action?

There is no anticipated effect on revenue collections of state and local governmental units as a result of the proposed rule change.

REVENUE INCREASE/DECREASE	FY 24	FY 25	FY 26	
State General Fund	0	0	0	
Agency Self-Generated	0	0	0	
Dedicated Funds*	0	0	0	
Federal Funds	0	0	0	
Local Funds	0	0	0	
TOTAL	0	0	0	

*Specify the particular fund being impacted.

B. Provide a narrative explanation of each increase or decrease in revenues shown in "A." Describe all data, assumptions, and methods used in calculating these increases or decreases.

Not applicable.

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT WORKSHEET

III. <u>COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS, SMALL BUSINESSES, OR NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS</u>

A. What persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups would be directly affected by the proposed action? For each, provide an estimate and a narrative description of any effect on costs, including workload adjustments and additional paperwork (number of new forms, additional documentation, etc.), they may have to incur as a result of the proposed action.

The proposed rule change will not result in costs or economic benefits to directly affected persons, small businesses, or nongovernmental groups.

B. Also provide an estimate and a narrative description of any impact on receipts and/or income resulting from this rule or rule change to these groups.

Not applicable.

IV. EFFECTS ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT

Identify and provide estimates of the impact of the proposed action on competition and employment in the public and private sectors. Include a summary of any data, assumptions and methods used in making these estimates.

There is no anticipated impact on competition and employment as a result of the proposed rule change.

