

NOTICE OF INTENT

Board of Elementary and Secondary Education

Bulletin 741—Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators
Diploma Integrity—Community Service Diploma Endorsement (LAC 28: CXV.2317)

In accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., and R.S. 17:6(A)(10), the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education proposes to amend LAC 28: CXV (Bulletin 741). Proposed revisions repeal the grade-level community service hour requirements and instead require that a student pursuing a Community Service Diploma Endorsement earn 80 hours of approved community service hours prior to graduation, as appropriate and reasonable

Title 28

EDUCATION

Chapter 23. Curriculum and Instruction

Subchapter A. Standards and Curricula

§2317. High Schools

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**STATE BOARD OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION
FAMILY IMPACT STATEMENT
(LA R.S. 49:953 and 972)**

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Division: Policy Office
Rule Title: Part CXV. Bulletin 741—Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators

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 All Family Impact Statements shall be kept on file in the State Board Office which has adopted, amended, or repealed a rule in accordance with the applicable provisions of the law relating to public records.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 TO THE FOLLOWING:

1. WILL THE PROPOSED RULE AFFECT THE STABILITY OF THE FAMILY?
 No
 Yes
 Lacks sufficient information to determine
2. WILL THE PROPOSED RULE AFFECT THE AUTHORITY AND RIGHTS OF PARENTS REGARDING THE EDUCATION AND SUPERVISION OF THEIR CHILDREN?
 No
 Yes
 Lacks sufficient information to determine.
3. WILL THE PROPOSED RULE AFFECT THE FUNCTIONING OF THE FAMILY?
 No
 Yes
 Lacks sufficient information to determine
4. WILL THE PROPOSED RULE AFFECT FAMILY EARNINGS AND FAMILY BUDGET?
 No
 Yes
 Lacks sufficient information to determine
5. WILL THE PROPOSED RULE AFFECT THE BEHAVIOR AND PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY OF CHILDREN?
 No
 Yes
 Lacks sufficient information to determine
6. IS THE FAMILY OR A LOCAL GOVERNMENT ABLE TO PERFORM THE FUNCTION AS CONTAINED IN THE PROPOSED RULE?
 No
 Yes
 Lacks sufficient information to determine

Signature of Contact Person: _____

Date Submitted: _____

**STATE BOARD OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION
POVERTY IMPACT STATEMENT
(LA R.S. 49:973)**

Person Preparing Statement: Ryan Gremillion

Phone: 225-342-1501

Division: Policy Office

Rule Title: Part CXV. Bulletin 741—Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators

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 TO THE FOLLOWING:

1. WILL THE PROPOSED RULE AFFECT THE HOUSEHOLD INCOME, ASSETS, AND FINANCIAL SECURITY?

- No
- Yes
- Lacks sufficient information to determine

2. WILL THE PROPOSED RULE AFFECT EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT AND PRESCHOOL THROUGH POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT?

- No
- Yes
- Lacks sufficient information to determine

3. WILL THE PROPOSED RULE AFFECT EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT?

- No
- Yes
- Lacks sufficient information to determine

4. WILL THE PROPOSED RULE AFFECT TAXES AND TAX CREDITS?

- No
- Yes
- Lacks sufficient information to determine

5. WILL THE PROPOSED RULE AFFECT CHILD AND DEPENDENT CARE, HOUSING, HEALTH CARE, NUTRITION, TRANSPORTATION, AND UTILITIES ASSISTANCE?

- No
- Yes
- Lacks sufficient information to determine

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, **Oct 10**, 2020 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.

Shan N. Davis
Executive Director

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT
FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

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Address: P. O. Box 94064 Rule
Baton Rouge, LA Title: Part CXV. Bulletin 741 –
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Administrators

Date Rule
Takes Effect: Upon final promulgation

SUMMARY

In accordance with Section 953 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.

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

There is no impact to the Department of Education (LDE) or local school districts as a result of the proposed revisions which remove the minimum number of hours a student must complete per year in order to earn a Community Service Diploma Endorsement. The changes may require school counselors to revise documentation procedures, however this is not anticipated to have a material impact.

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

There are no estimated impacts on revenue collections as a result of the proposed policy revisions.

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

To the extent this revision results in more high school students pursuing the Community Service Diploma Endorsement, non-governmental organizations may benefit from an increase in the number of volunteers.

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

There are no estimated effects on competition and employment as a result of the proposed revisions.

Signature of Agency Head or Designee

Legislative Fiscal Officer or Designee

Beth Scioneaux, Deputy Superintendent for Management and Finance
Typed Name and Title of Agency Head or Designee

Date of Signature

Date of Signature

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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).

Proposed revisions repeal the grade-level community service hour requirements and instead require that a student pursuing a Community Service Diploma Endorsement earn 80 hours of approved community service hours prior to graduation, as appropriate and reasonable.

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

Authorized by Louisiana Revised Statute 17:264, Bulletin 741, Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators, stipulates that beginning with freshmen entering high school in the 2013-2014 school year and beyond, local education agencies (LEAs) may award a Community Service Diploma Endorsement to students completing a minimum number of documented and approved community service hours prior to graduation.

Current policy requires students pursuing the endorsement to complete a total of 80 community service hours as follows: 10 hours in ninth grade; 20 hours in tenth grade; 25 hours in eleventh grade, and 25 hours in twelfth grade.

Data suggests that several factors inhibit a student from participation in community service activities until after the freshmen year, thus making the student ineligible for the endorsement under current policy.

- C. Compliance with Act 11 of the 1986 First Extraordinary Session.

1. Will the proposed rule change result in any increase in the expenditure of funds? If so, specify amount and source of funding.

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, attach documentation.

(b) _____ NO. If no, provide justification as to why this rule change should be published at this time.

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 are no anticipated impacts on costs as a result of the proposed revisions.

COSTS	FY20-21	FY21-22	FY22-23
PERSONAL SERVICES			
OPERATING EXPENSES	-0-	-0-	-0-
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES			
OTHER CHARGES			
EQUIPMENT			
MAJOR REPAIR & CONSTR.			
POSITIONS (#)			
TOTAL	-0-	-0-	-0-

2. 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.

N/A

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

SOURCE	FY20-21	FY21-22	FY22-23
STATE GENERAL FUND	-0-	-0-	-0-
AGENCY SELF-GENERATED	-0-	-0-	-0-
DEDICATED			
FEDERAL FUNDS	-0-	-0-	-0-
OTHER (Specify)			
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?

Yes.

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

1. 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.

The proposed revisions will not impact local governmental units.

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

The proposed revisions will not impact sources of funding of local governmental units.

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WORKSHEET

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

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

The proposed revisions will not impact revenue collections of state and local governmental units.

REVENUE INCREASE/DECREASE	FY20-21	FY21-22	FY22-23
STATE GENERAL FUND	-0-	-0-	-0-
AGENCY SELF GENERATED			
RESTRICTED FUNDS*			
FEDERAL FUNDS			
LOCAL FUNDS			
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.

See above.

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WORKSHEET

III. COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS OR NON-GOVERNMENTAL GROUPS

- A. What persons 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.

To the extent this revision results in more high school students pursuing the Community Service Diploma Endorsement, non-governmental organizations may benefit from an increase in the number of volunteers.

- 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.

No impact on income is anticipated as a result of this rule change.

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.

The proposed revisions will not have an impact on competition and employment.

COMPARISON DOCUMENT

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 - a. ~~ninth grade~~ 10 hours;
 - b. ~~tenth grade~~ 20 hours;
 - c. ~~eleventh grade~~ 25 hours;
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 - e. ~~total~~ 80 hours.
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