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## DIGEST

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HB No. 182

**Abstract:** Requires BESE to adopt rules and regulations to allow certain public high school students who fail to pass the graduation exit exam to participate in graduation activities and ceremonies, except receipt of a diploma.

Present law (R.S. 17:6) provides for the general powers of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE), including the authority to award certificates and issue diplomas for successful completion of programs of study. Provides that all certificates and diplomas shall be prepared by the state Dept. of Education and shall be signed by the BESE president and the state superintendent of education.

Proposed law retains present law and requires BESE to adopt rules and regulations providing that any public high school student who has successfully completed the required minimum units of credit for graduation and all other graduation requirements but has failed to pass the high school graduation exit exam shall be allowed to fully participate in all graduation activities and ceremonies, except actual receipt of a diploma.

(Amends R.S. 17:6(A)(11))