



**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER JML 24-01**

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***Veto of Graduation Appeals Process  
(LAC 28: CXV.717, 2321, and 2322)***

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**WHEREAS**, on December 20, 2023, the Louisiana State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) promulgated Bulletin 741—Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators—Graduation Appeals Process LAC 28: CXV.717, 2321, and 2322 in the Louisiana Register Volume 49 Edition 12, December 20, 2023.

**WHEREAS**, Bulletin 741—Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators—Graduation Appeals Process LAC 28: CXV.717, 2321, and 2322 allow students who fail to obtain a passing score on the Louisiana Educational Assessment Program (LEAP) test to graduate high school.

**WHEREAS**, the LEAP test is aligned with the academic standards established by the Department of Education and approved by BESE.

**WHEREAS**, the April Dunn Act, Act 833 of the 2021 Regular Session, provides an alternative means of graduation for students with an exceptionality.

**WHEREAS**, LAC 28: CXV.717, 2321, and 2322 introduce subjective criteria into the graduation process and lower the standards to receive a high school diploma.

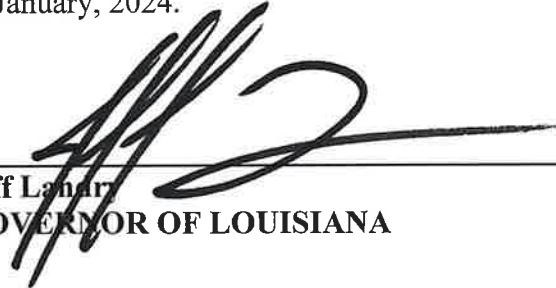
**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of our State to ensure that students are adequately prepared for postsecondary education and the workforce by meeting minimum standards of proficiency in core subjects.

**NOW THEREFORE, I, JEFF LANDRY**, Governor of the State of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and R.S. 49:970, do hereby veto the amendments to LAC 28: CXV.717, LAC 28: CXV.2321, and LAC 28: CXV.2322 promulgated on December 20,

2023 in Louisiana Register Volume 49, Edition 12.



**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 8<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2024.



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**Jeff Landry**  
**GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA**

**ATTEST BY THE**  
**SECRETARY OF STATE**



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**Nancy Landry**  
**SECRETARY OF STATE**