



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

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

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.

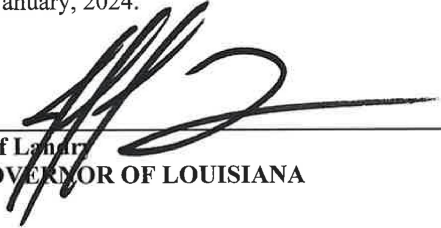
WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of our State to ensure that students are adequately prepared for postsecondary education and the workforce by meeting minimum standards of proficiency in core subjects.

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 8th day of January, 2024.



Jeff Landry
GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

ATTEST BY THE
SECRETARY OF STATE



Nancy Landry
SECRETARY OF STATE