

The new law simply states that a [high school diploma](#) awarded by a BESE-approved home study program shall be deemed to have all the rights and privileges...

Since the [Louisiana Department of Education](#) is not *issuing* the diploma, there is no minimum number of school years required. Just as a student may leave a public school and be enrolled in a private school at any time, a student may enroll in a home study program at any time. If a student is entering 12th grade this school year and the parent submits a home study application and BESE approves it, then when the child finishes the course work prescribed by the home study program, the parent may issue a diploma and that diploma now must be accepted by state offices, entities and agencies in the same way they would accept a diploma issued by an approved non-public school or a public school.

Initial (first year) home study applications only require that a copy of the student's [birth certificate](#) be attached. Renewal applications (every year after) require documentation of a quality curriculum. CAT scores are sufficient documentation.

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Summary: SCHOOLS: Provides that a high school diploma awarded by an approved home study program shall receive the same recognition as one awarded by an approved nonpublic school. (8/15/10)	<i>Updated: 6/29/2010</i>

Date	Chamber	Page	Action
06/29/2010	S		Effective date 8/15/10.
06/29/2010	S		Signed by the Governor. Becomes Act No. 677.

06/20/2010	S		Sent to the Governor by the Secretary of the Senate.
06/18/2010	H	92	Signed by the Speaker of the House.
06/18/2010	S		Enrolled. Signed by the President of the Senate.
06/17/2010	S		Received from the House without amendments.
06/17/2010	H	39	Read third time by title, roll called on final passage, yeas 79, nays 17. Finally passed, ordered to the Senate.
06/11/2010	H		Scheduled for floor debate on 6/17/2010.
06/10/2010	H	12	Read by title, passed to 3rd reading - regular calendar.
06/09/2010	H	37	Reported without Legislative Bureau amendments.
06/08/2010	H	23	Reported favorably (12-0) (Regular). Referred to the Legislative Bureau.
05/27/2010	H	3	Read by title, under the rules, referred to the Committee on Education.
05/26/2010	H	2	Received in the House from the Senate, read by title, lies over under the rules
05/25/2010	S		Read by title, passed by a vote of 31 yeas and 5 nays, and sent to the House. Motion to reconsider tabled.
05/19/2010	S	15	Read by title. Ordered engrossed and passed to a third reading and final passage.
05/18/2010	S	11	Substitute for Senate Bill No. 517. Read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.