



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION NUMBER 59 JBE 2020

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**RENEWAL OF STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR COVID-19  
EXTENSION OF EMERGENCY PROVISIONS**

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- WHEREAS,** pursuant to the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, La. R.S. 29:721, *et seq.*, the Governor declared a public health emergency on in Proclamation Number 25 JBE 2020 in response to the threat posed by COVID-19;
- WHEREAS,** on March 11, 2020, in Proclamation Number 25 JBE 2020, the Governor declared that a statewide public health emergency existed in the State of Louisiana because of COVID-19 and expressly empowered the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness and the Secretary of the Department of Health and/or the State Health Officer to take all actions authorized under state law;
- WHEREAS,** when the Governor determines that a state of public health emergency exists, La. R.S. 766(B) empowers the Governor to declare a state of public health emergency by executive order, or proclamation, or both;
- WHEREAS,** in Proclamation Number 58 JBE 2020, the Governor extended the emergency declaration for the COVID-19 emergency and ordered that Louisiana move into Phase 1 of Resilient Louisiana also terminating the Stay at Home order;
- WHEREAS,** it is necessary to renew certain other provisions of Proclamation Numbers of 52 JBE 2020; and
- WHEREAS,** these measures are necessary to protect the health and safety of the people of Louisiana.

**NOW THEREFORE, I, JOHN BEL EDWARDS,** Governor of the State of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

**SECTION 1: STATE PROCUREMENT**

- A) Pursuant to La. R.S. 29:724(D)(1), suspensions of the Louisiana Procurement Code (La. R.S. 39:1551, *et seq.*) and Louisiana Public Bid Law (La. R.S. 38:2211, *et seq.*) and their corresponding rules and regulations are hereby continued for the purpose of the procurement of any good or services necessary to respond to this emergency.
- B) Pursuant to La. R.S. 29:732(A), prices charged or value received for goods and services sold may not exceed the prices ordinarily charged for comparable goods and services in the same market area at or immediately before the time of the state of emergency, unless the price by the seller is attributable to fluctuations in applicable commodity markets, fluctuations in applicable regional or national market trends, or to reasonable expenses and charges and attendant business risk incurred in procuring or selling the goods or services during the state of emergency.
- C) In addition to any authority conferred generally herein or by law, the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, through consultation with the Secretary of the Department of Health, shall continue to have the primary jurisdiction, responsibility and authority for:
- 1) Planning and executing public health emergency assessment, mitigation, preparedness response, and recovery for the state;

- 2) Coordinating public health emergency response between state and local authorities;
  - 3) Collaborating with relevant federal government authorities, elected officials of other states, private organizations or companies;
  - 4) Coordinating recovery operations and mitigation initiatives subsequent to public health emergencies;
  - 5) Organizing public information activities regarding public health emergency response operations; and
  - 6) Taking any other measures deemed necessary and proper, as authorized by law.
- D) For procurement and contracting, strict compliance with the Louisiana Procurement Code (La. R.S. 39:1551, *et seq.*), Telecommunications Procurement (La. R.S. 39:1751-1755), and Information Technology Procurement (La. R.S. 39:196-200), shall not be required. However, all state agencies should continue to comply with the following conditions:
- 1) An appointed official within the agency, or the equivalent for officials in higher education, must determine that the failure to strictly comply with the statutory restriction is necessary due to the emergency.
  - 2) A centralized point of contact for each agency must monitor all transactions conducted without strict statutory compliance, maintaining copies of all documentation. Documentation should specify whether the purchase falls into the "emergency" or "permanent" category and whether the purchase relates to the COVID-19 event referenced in Proclamation Number 25 JBE 2020 and all documentation must be maintained and available for audit and FEMA reimbursement purposes.
  - 3) Written competitive quotes and/or offers must be obtained whenever possible and agencies must take the necessary steps to assess that fair and equitable pricing is being offered.
  - 4) Performance-based contracting should be used where practical.
  - 5) Statewide contracts should be used where practical.
  - 6) To the maximum extent possible, such emergency contracts should be only for the duration of the emergency or to allow the agency time to comply with normal competitive bidding requirements if the goods or services will be required for an extended period of time.
  - 7) Copies of contracts which would otherwise require approval by the Office of State Procurement and the supporting documentation discussed above must be provided to the Office of State Procurement within thirty (30) days or sooner, if practical. Additionally, LaGov agencies should enter small purchases into the LaGov system as soon as practical. The Office of State Procurement shall review the contracts and documentation to determine compliance with this Executive Order.
  - 8) Payments to contractors should be made only after verification that all goods and services meet contract requirements.
  - 9) All Public Bid Openings shall be suspended. Bid openings will continue, however public openings will not occur in order to limit the potential for exposure. Bid openings will be made available via phone conference or web conference.
  - 10) All required Procurement Support Team meetings will be held via phone conference or web conference.
- E) The following provisions of the La. R.S. 39:121, *et seq.*, are hereby suspended:
- 1) The provisions of La. R.S. 39:124-125 regarding periodic meetings and/or inspections of capital outlay projects by facility planning and control, including inspection of a project prior to the expiration of the guarantee period, and any meetings and/or inspections shall be limited to only those inspections or meetings determined to be absolutely necessary for the advancement of the capital outlay project.
  - 2) The provisions of La. R.S. 39:126 regarding prior approval of change orders.

## **SECTION 2: PUBLIC EMPLOYEES AND STATE OFFICES**

- A) The following travel restrictions will continue to apply to all state employees:

- 1) All state employees traveling on state business out of the United States are hereby directed to cancel or postpone these trips; all employees traveling on official state business out of the State of Louisiana are hereby required to obtain specific authorization from the Commissioner of Administration;
  - 2) All state employees intending to travel out of the State of Louisiana for non-official reasons are hereby directed to notify their supervisor and Human Resources Director of the travel as soon as possible, but in no event later than forty-eight (48) hours prior to travel, and immediately upon return to Louisiana;
  - 3) All state employees with household members who intend to travel or have traveled internationally are hereby directed to notify their supervisor and Human Resources Director of the travel as soon as possible, but in no event later than forty-eight (48) hours prior to the household member's departure, to state the household member's expected date of return, and to notify their supervisor and Human Resources Director immediately upon the household member's actual return to the United States; and
  - 4) All state employees shall notify their supervisor and Human Resources Director if the employee or a household member develops symptoms associated with COVID-19.
- B)** The Civil Service Commission and the Division of Administration are hereby directed to continue to maintain a set of guidelines for state employees who are infected with COVID-19 or under quarantine for possible exposure to COVID-19. Such guidelines shall include direction for the management of sick leave by state employees and provide for direction, if possible, for the employee to work remotely. The guidelines developed by the Civil Service Commission and the Division of Administration shall remain in effect by this order.
- C)** All state agencies, boards and commissions, and local political subdivisions of the state shall continue to provide for attendance at essential governmental meetings via teleconference or video conference and such attendance shall be allowed during the pendency of this emergency. All efforts shall be made to provide for observation and input by members of the public. Before any meeting conducted pursuant to this section, the state agency, boards and commission, or local political subdivision of the state shall first provide a written certification that it will otherwise be unable to operate due to quorum requirements. Such certification shall be posted at the same time and in the same manner as the agenda for the meeting. Nothing in this order shall be interpreted to waive any notice requirements.

### **SECTION 3: EMERGENCY SUSPENSIONS**

- A)** All orders allowing for visitation by the parent of a foster child that resides in a home that is quarantined or isolated due to COVID-19 remain suspended. The Department of Children and Family Services is hereby ordered to make all reasonable efforts to continue to allow for alternative visitation.

**B) SHAREHOLDER MEETINGS**

- 1) Subpart A of Part 7 of the Business Corporation Act, including without limitation, Subsection B of Section 1-701, subsection C of 1-702 and subsections A and E of Section 1-705 of the Business Corporation Act, hereby remain suspended to the extent it requires meetings of shareholders to be noticed and held at a physical location in connection with any shareholder meeting that either (a) has a record date that falls during the Public Health emergency declared by Proclamation Number 25 JBE 2020 (or as extended by this subsequent Proclamation); (b) requires notice to be provided in connection therewith during the Public Health emergency declared by Proclamation Number 25 JBE 2020 (or as extended by this subsequent Proclamation); or (c) is scheduled to occur during the Public Health emergency declared by Proclamation Number 25 JBE 2020 (or as extended by this subsequent Proclamation).

- 2) This Proclamation shall remain in full force and effect with respect to any meeting duly called and convened in accordance with the Business Corporation Act and in reliance upon Section I hereof, notwithstanding the lapse or termination of this Proclamation.

**C) NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS**

- 1) La. R.S. 12:229(A) and La. R.S. 12:230(A) of the Louisiana Nonprofit Corporation Law, are hereby suspended to the extent it requires meetings of members to be noticed and held at a physical location in connection with any membership meeting that either (a) has a record date that falls during the Public Health emergency declared by Proclamation Number 25 JBE 2020 (or as extended by any subsequent Proclamation); (b) requires notice to be provided in connection therewith during the Public Health emergency declared by Proclamation Number 25 JBE 2020 (or as extended by any subsequent Proclamation); or (c) is scheduled to occur during the Public Health emergency declared by Proclamation Number 25 JBE 2020 (or as extended by any subsequent Proclamation).
- 2) This Proclamation shall remain in full force and effect with respect to any meeting duly called and convened in accordance with the Louisiana Nonprofit Corporation Law and in reliance upon Section I hereof, notwithstanding the lapse or termination of this Proclamation.

**D) To reduce the burden on members of the public and to limit the interactions of individuals with state employees in governmental offices, the following regulatory statutes are hereby suspended as follows:**

- 1) **Department of Public Safety**
  - a) The deadlines for the period to request an administrative hearing pursuant to La. R.S. 15:542.1.3(B)(4) which expired on or after March 9, 2020 but before May 15, 2020 remains suspended and extended until June 9, 2020.
  - b) Further, with regard to Concealed Handgun Permits, the rules related to expiration of permits at LAC 55:1.1307(D) and LAC 55:1.1309(F) shall continue to be suspended until June 5, 2020.
  - c) The requirement for the renewal of a motor vehicle inspection certificate required under La. R.S. 32:1304 is suspended until June 5, 2020.
  - d) The late fee assessed for firework retail permit applications filed after April 1, 2020, as set forth in La. R.S. 51:656(B), is hereby suspended under December 31, 2020.
  - e) The late fees assessed for failure to timely renew life safety and property protection licenses, as set forth in La. R.S. 40:1664.9(F) and (G), are temporarily suspended through June 5, 2020.
  - f) The late fees assessed, as set forth in La. R.S. 40:1484.18(F) and (G), for failure to timely renew licenses issued pursuant to La R.S. 40:1484.1, *et seq.*, shall be waived through December 31, 2020.
- 2) **Office of Motor Vehicles**
  - a) Late fees for driver's license which would be charged beginning on March 9, 2020 through June 5, 2020, remain suspended until July 31, 2020.
  - b) The three-day period mandated in La. R.S. 32:863.1 to appear at an Office of Motor Vehicle field office for a notice of violation served on or after March 9, 2020 but before May 15, 2020, remains suspended until June 5, 2020.
  - c) The expiration date of temporary registration plates issued pursuant to La. R.S. 47:519 and La. R.S. 47:519.2 which expired on or before March 9, 2020 remains suspended until June 30, 2020.
  - d) The expiration date of license plates issued pursuant to La. R.S. 47:462, *et seq.*, which expired on or after March 9, 2020 but before May 15, 2020 remains suspended until July 31, 2020.

- e) The notice of default issued pursuant to La. R.S. 32:429.4 that would be issued on or after March 9, 2020 but before June 5, 2020 remains suspended, and the notices will not be issued until after June 30, 2020.
- f) The expiration date of an apportioned registration issued under the International Registration Plan which expires June 5, 2020 remains suspended and the expiration date remains extended to June 30, 2020.
- g) The period to request an administrative hearing submitted to the Department pursuant to La. R.S. 32:667, La. R.S. 32:863, La. R.S. 863.1 and LAC Title 55, Part III, Chapter 1, §159 which expired on or after March 9, 2020 but before June 5, 2020 remains suspended and extended until June 30, 2020.
- h) The sixty-day delay for the Department to submit the administrative hearing record to the Division of Administrative Law pursuant to La. R.S. 32:667(D)(1) for an arrest which occurred on or after March 9, 2020 but before June 5, 2020 remains extended until August 8, 2020.
- i) Office of Motor Vehicles may continue to offer services by remote customer services agent interaction in current Office of Motor Vehicles office locations.
- j) The expiration date of driver's licenses which expire on or after March 9, 2020, but on or before June 5, 2020, is suspended and the expiration date is extended to June 30, 2020.
- k) The expiration of a temporary driver's license issued pursuant La R.S. 32:667(A) which were issued on or after March 9, 2020 through June 5, 2020 is suspended until June 30, 2020.
- l) All students who enroll in a driver's education course after March 9, 2020 shall be allowed to begin the driver's education course without the issuance of the temporary instructional permit until June 30, 2020.
- m) Any suspension for which the official notice of withdrawal was issued on or after Feb 17, 2020, but before June 5, 2020, shall remain pending until June 16, 2020.
- n) The expiration date of a hang tag issued pursuant to La. R.S. 47:463.4, *et seq.*, which expired on or after March 9, 2020, but before June 5, 2020, is suspended until July 31, 2020.
- o) For purchasers of used vehicles, purchased from a private individual on or after February 4, 2020 but before June 5, 2020, the 60-day grace period provided for in La. R.S. 32:707(H) for citations for failure to have a current registration and license plate is extended until June 30, 2020.
- p) La. R.S. 32:402.1(F)(2) is hereby suspended through June 15, 2020, to allow for alternative methods of instruction for persons under the age of 18 in the form of remote or distance learning to be determined by and at the direction of the Office of Motor Vehicles.
- q) La. R.S. 32:431.1(B), which provides that no minor may be issued a driver's license or learner's permit for the operation of a motor vehicle unless, at the time of application, documentation is presented to the department that the minor has received a high school diploma or equivalent diploma, is enrolled and attending school, or enrolled and attending a high school equivalency program, is suspended.
- r) Penalties and interest due on state and local sales and use taxes collected by the Office of Motor Vehicles which began on or after March 9, 2020 are suspended and are waived until June 30, 2020.
- s) The expiration of identification cards issued pursuant to La. R.S. 40:1321 which expired on or after March 9, 2020 but before May 16, 2020 is suspended and the expiration date is extended to July 31, 2020.

E) There shall remain in effect an exemption from the federal rules and regulations that limit the hours operators of commercial vehicles may drive, specifically, Part 395 (drivers' hours of service) of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, and

any additional appropriate response regarding additional expenditures due to this declaration as determined by the Secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development, or by the Louisiana State Police or local law enforcement agencies for public safety issues in order to ensure the uninterrupted supply of essential goods and commodities.

**F)** Nothing herein shall be construed as an exemption from the Commercial Driver's License requirements in 49 CFR 383, the financial requirements in 49 CFR 387, or applicable federal size and weight limitations.

**G)** The following specific provisions of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 related to the imposition of fees or charges related to transactions with the Department of Health, or their authorized agent, as qualified by this Order, are hereby suspended for transactions by individuals when, as determined by any guidelines or directions issued by the Secretary, the request is a result of the emergency conditions:

- 1) La. R.S. 40:40(2), to the extent that it requires payment of a fee for production of a duplicate birth record.
- 2) La. R.S. 40:40(3), to the extent that it requires payment of a fee for production of a duplicate death certificate.

**H) LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE DEADLINES**

1) Legal deadlines, including liberative prescription and preemptive periods applicable to legal proceedings in all courts, administrative agencies, and boards, are hereby suspended until Friday, June 5, 2020, including, but not limited to, any such deadlines set forth by law within the following:

- a) Louisiana Civil Code;
- b) Louisiana Code of Civil Procedure;
- c) Louisiana Code of Criminal Procedure;
- d) Louisiana Children's Code;
- e) Title 9 of Louisiana Revised Statutes, Civil Code Ancillaries;
- f) Title 13 of Louisiana Revised Statutes, Courts and Judicial Procedure;
- g) Title 14 of Louisiana Revised Statutes, Criminal Law;
- h) Title 15 of Louisiana Revised Statutes, Criminal Procedure;
- i) Title 18 of Louisiana Revised Statutes, Louisiana Election Code;
- j) Title 23 of Louisiana Revised Statutes, Labor and Worker's Compensation;
- k) Title 32 of Louisiana Revised Statutes, Motor Vehicles and Traffic Regulations;
- l) Title 40 of Louisiana Revised Statutes, Public Health and Safety;
- m) Title 46 of Louisiana Revised Statutes, Public Welfare and Assistance;
- n) Title 47 of Louisiana Revised Statutes, Revenue and Taxation;
- o) Title 49 of Louisiana Revised Statutes, State Administration; and
- p) Title 56 of Louisiana Revised Statutes, Wildlife and Fisheries.

2) In addition, all other deadlines in legal proceedings in all courts, administrative agencies, and boards shall remain suspended until Friday, June 5, 2020.

3) Courts, administrative agencies and boards statewide shall continue to use due diligence in communicating with attorneys, parties to proceedings with pending deadlines, and the public how the court, agency or board will implement and interpret the provisions of this Order.

4) Paragraph 2 of this Subsection shall not be interpreted so as to prohibit an owner of immovable property from reclaiming leased property if abandoned as provided by law, or entering leased property to make necessary repairs as provided by law.

**I)** Any state department or agency or political subdivision is hereby granted authority to further extend any non-essential deadline for a period of no longer than 30 days if deemed necessary to respond to the threat of COVID-19.

#### **SECTION 4: DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

- A)** All public schools in the State of Louisiana shall close facilities to students for the duration of the 2019-2020 academic calendar year. All school districts shall ensure the provision of meals or other essential items to eligible students, provided that appropriate social distancing measures are in place for each school district in the state. All school districts shall provide or ensure the provision of remote or distance learning as defined by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and the Department of Education. The 63,720 instructional minute requirement per year shall remain suspended to the extent that full compliance cannot be achieved in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. All school districts shall ensure compliance with all applicable federal and state laws, regulations and standards for the provision of education to all students, including the provision of a free and appropriate public education for all children with disabilities and the provision of services for English Learners (ELs). To ensure compliance with federal statutes and regulations, school districts are encouraged to view guidance from the U.S. Department of Education regarding compliance in response to COVID-19. The Board of Elementary and Secondary Education shall report to the Governor and the Legislature any further actions necessary to ensure that eligible students achieve successful student grading, promotion, and graduation. The Department of Education shall ensure compliance with all applicable federal and state laws, regulations, and standards in its function as the state education agency of Louisiana, including the monitoring of school districts in their provision of a free and appropriate public education to students with disabilities, and the collection and public reporting of student data.
- B)** The provisions of La. R.S. 17:24.4 and BESE Bulletin 741 that mandate annual administration of testing under the Louisiana Education Assessment Program and End of Course examinations hereby remain suspended for the entirety of the 2019-2020 school year contingent upon receipt of a waiver of the accountability mandates in the Every Student Succeeds Act from the United States Department of Education.
- C)** The provisions of La. R.S. 17:4023 and La. R.S. 47:6301(B)(2)(ii) that require nonpublic schools to administer testing under the Louisiana Education Assessment Program and End of Course examinations to students participating in the Louisiana Student Scholarships for Educational Excellence program and to students receiving scholarships from donations to school tuition organizations hereby remain suspended for the entirety of the 2019-2020 school year upon receipt of a waiver of the accountability mandates in the Every Student Succeeds Act from the United States Department of Education.
- D)** The provisions of La. R.S. 17:10.1 that provide for the School and District Accountability System and any rules or regulations adopted by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education pertaining to the School and District Accountability System hereby remain suspended for the 2019-2020 school year upon receipt of a waiver of the accountability mandates in the Every Student Succeeds Act from the United States Department of Education.
- E)** The provisions of La. R.S. 17:391.2, *et seq.*, that provide for public school accountability and assessment hereby remain suspended for the entirety of the 2019-2020 school year upon receipt of a waiver of the accountability mandates in the Every Student Succeeds Act from the United States Department of Education.
- F)** The provisions of La. R.S. 17:154.3 that require teachers to work a minimum number of days per school year hereby remain suspended for the entirety of the 2019-2020 school year.
- G)** The provisions of La. R.S. 17:221 that mandate every person having control or charge of a child to send that child to a public or nonpublic school hereby remain suspended for the entirety of the 2019-2020 school year.

- H) The provisions of La. R.S. 17:232 that require attendance to be checked daily at all schools hereby remain waived for the entirety of the 2019-2020 school year.
- I) The provisions of La. R.S. 17:3881, *et seq.*, La. R.S. 17:3901, *et seq.*, and La. R.S. 17:3997(D) that provide for the use of value-added data in teacher evaluation and as criteria for receipt of teaching credentials hereby remain suspended for the entirety of the 2019-2020 school year upon receipt of a waiver of the accountability mandates in the Every Student Succeeds Act from the United States Department of Education.
- J) The provisions of La. R.S. 17:3991(C)(1)(b) that require charter schools to adhere to certain student application and enrollment procedures hereby remain suspended for the entirety of the 2019-2020 school year.
- K) The provisions of 17:183.2(B) and (C) that require students graduating in Spring 2020 to complete the Individualized Education Program (IEP) goals and requirements for the purposes of graduation remain suspended for the entirety of the 2019-2020 school year.
- L) The provisions of 17:183.3(D) and (E) that require students graduating in Spring 2020 to complete the IEP goals and requirements for the purposes of graduation remain suspended for the entirety of the 2019-2020 school year.
- M) The provisions of 17:183.3(B)(2)(f) remain suspended to allow eligible twelfth grade students to graduate in Spring 2020 with less than 9 credit units if the students were enrolled in a course within the Jump Start sequence in Spring 2020.
- N) The Board of Elementary and Secondary Education shall maintain emergency rules as necessary to effect the suspension of the statutes described in the sections above.

**SECTION 5: HIGHER EDUCATION**

- A) All Public Post-secondary institutions and proprietary schools within the State of Louisiana that are licensed by the Louisiana Board of Regents shall continue to be allowed to substitute in-person clinical and classroom instruction with online and lab simulations for enrolled students for the duration of the declared emergency.
 

Further, all proprietary schools within the State of Louisiana that are licensed by the Louisiana Board of Regents shall continue to be allowed to substitute in-person clinical and classroom instruction with online and lab simulations for currently enrolled students as of March 1, 2020.
- B) Relative to the initial eligibility requirements for a Taylor Opportunity Program for Students Award, for students who were enrolled in a Louisiana public high school; students who were enrolled in a nonpublic high school in Louisiana having the approval of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education; students who resided in the State of Louisiana and were enrolled in a home study program approved by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education; and students who resided out of state during the 2020 academic year but who meet the residency requirements to qualify for a TOPS award provided for in La. R.S. 17:5023, the following requirements shall be suspended:
  - 1) The ACT deadlines imposed by La. R.S. 17:5062, including the requirement that a student be assessed a one semester penalty as set forth in La. R.S. 17:5062 for failure to achieve a qualifying score no later than the national ACT test date of the year of high school graduation.
  - 2) The home study requirements set forth in La. R.S. 17:5029(B)(1)(b)(i).
  - 3) The TOPS Tech core curriculum requirement that a student earn at least nine credits in Jump Start course sequences, workplace experiences, and credentials as set forth in La. R.S. 17:5026 when such requirement has been suspended for the purpose of meeting high school graduation requirements.



- C) Relative to continuing eligibility requirements for a Taylor Opportunity Program for Students Award, for students who were enrolled full time as of the census date in a postsecondary institution in Louisiana and remained enrolled as of March 13, 2020; students who were enrolled full time at an out of state college or university as of the census date and remained enrolled through March 13, 2020; students who were enrolled full time as of the census date and who were studying abroad and were required to return to Louisiana due to the outbreak of COVID-19 in the country in which the students were studying; and students who were scheduled to be enrolled full time at a school operating on a basis other than semesters during the spring of 2020; the following requirements shall be suspended:
- 1) The steady academic progress requirements imposed by La. R.S. 17:5041 or La. R.S. 17:5042.
  - 2) The minimum grade point average requirements imposed by La. R.S. 17:5041 or La. R.S. 17:5042.
  - 3) The deadlines imposed by La. R.S. 17:5041 or La. R.S. 17:5042 requiring that a student whose award is suspended for failure to meet the grade point average requirements must bring his grade point average up to that required in the applicable statute within a specified time period.

#### **SECTION 6: INSURANCE**

- A) The Commissioner of Insurance shall continue to have limited authority from the Governor to suspend provisions of any regulatory statute of Title 22 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 concerning any health insurance policy or contract relative to the current public health emergency, where such statutory or regulatory requirements prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with the current public health emergency, including the prohibition of any cost sharing, deductibles, copayments, and coinsurance related to the diagnosis or approved treatment of COVID-19.
- B) The Commissioner of Insurance shall have limited transfer of authority from the Governor to suspend provisions of any regulatory statute of Title 22 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 concerning the cancellation, termination, nonrenewal, and non-reinstatement provisions of Title 22, where such statutory or regulatory requirements prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with the current public health emergency, including providing additional time for policyholders to complete existing claims, providing additional time for policyholders to remit premium payments to avoid cancelation of policies, prohibiting cancelations where a policyholder is incapable of fulfilling requirements due to the current public health emergency, allowing for mid-term audit of auditable policies upon request of the insured and the recalculation of premium based on the mid-term audit to account for the current operations of the insurer to properly reflect the risk during the current public health emergency, requiring that insurer refund any excess premium as determined by the mid-term audit during the pendency of the current public health emergency.
- C) This authority granted to the Commissioner shall not relieve an insured who has a claim caused by this public health emergency, or its aftermath, from compliance with the insured's obligation to provide information and cooperate in the claim adjustment process relative to such claim, or to pay insurance premiums upon termination of the provisions of this Order.

#### **SECTION 7: HEALTH CARE REGULATIONS**

- A) Louisiana state licensure laws, rules, and regulations for medical professionals and personnel hereby remain suspended for those medical professionals and personnel from other states or other countries offering medical services in Louisiana to those needing medical services as a result of this disaster provided that said out-of-state or out-of-country medical professionals and personnel possess a current medical license in good standing in their respective state or country of licensure and that they practice in good faith and within the reasonable scope of his or her skills, training, or ability.