**R7-2-302.11 Minimum Course of Study and Competency Requirements Public Health Emergency in the 2019-2020 school year**

**A.** Notwithstanding any other rule, local education agencies shall not withhold academic credit or a high school diploma from a student solely because the student missed instructional time due to a school closure issued by the Governor.

**B.** Notwithstanding any other rule, when determining if a student meets the minimum course of study and competency requirements pursuant to Article 3 in a school year that the Governor issues a school closure, local education agencies may consider the successful completion of educational opportunities provided to the student during the school closure. Educational opportunities are determined by the local education agency and may include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Independent study provided online or through printed materials; and

2. Online instruction.

**C**. If a local education agency is unable to consider or unable to provide the educational opportunities pursuant to subsection B, the local education agency may determine the student meets the minimum course of study and competency requirements if the student met or was on track to meet the minimum course of study and competency requirements prior to the school closure. Evidence that a student was on track to meet the minimum course of study and competency requirements is determined by the local education agency and may include, but is not limited to, passing grades issued by the student’s teacher or passing scores on locally or nationally administered assessments. It is the intent of the Board that all schools attempt, to the extent possible, to provide educational opportunities to students during a school closure issued by the Governor.

**D** Local education agencies that issue academic credit and high school diplomas to students pursuant to subsections B and C shall issue transcripts and diplomas to students in the same manner as the local education agency would if there was not a school closure issued by the Governor.

**E** This section applies only to the 2019-2020 school year and the graduating class of 2020.