

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 648

BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHRODER

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

EDUCATION: Provides relative to access by parents and teachers to assessments administered to students

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:355(C) and (D) and to enact R.S. 17:24.4(F)(5) and
3 355(B)(3), relative to access to school-related information and materials; to provide
4 relative to access by parents and teachers to assessments administered in public
5 schools; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 17:355(C) and (D) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.
8 17:24.4(F)(5) and 355(B)(3) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §24.4. Louisiana Competency-Based Education Program; statewide standards for
10 required subjects; Louisiana Educational Assessment Program; parish or city
11 school board comprehensive pupil progression plans; waivers

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15 (5)(a) Each public school teacher who administers an assessment required
16 pursuant to this Subsection to a student is entitled to review the assessment results
17 for the student.

18 (b) Each city, parish, and other local public school board shall adopt rules
19 and policies for each school to provide access to the student assessment results to a
20 teacher, upon request, for each student to whom the teacher administers such

1 assessment. The principal of each school shall ensure that the school complies with
2 such rules.

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4 §355. Parental access to instructional materials

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6 B. A parent is entitled to:

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8 (3) Review each assessment administered to the parent's child after the
9 assessment is administered.

10 C. Each local school board shall adopt rules and policies for each school to
11 make instructional materials and assessments readily available for review as
12 provided in this Section. The rules may specify reasonable hours for review. The
13 rules shall provide that the school shall provide access to instructional materials and
14 assessments to a parent upon request. If a parent requests a paper copy of material
15 that can be readily copied using school equipment, such copy shall be provided. The
16 rules shall establish reasonable and customary fees to be collected by the school to
17 cover the cost of providing such copies. No provision of law or school board policy
18 shall prohibit or interfere with a parent's ability to make his own copies on school
19 premises via mobile or other device. The principal of each school shall ensure that
20 the school complies with such rules.

21 D. For purposes of this Section:

22 (1) "Assessment" means an assessment administered pursuant to R.S.
23 17:24.4 and any other state, national, or international test or assessment.

24 ~~(1)~~ (2) "Instructional materials" means content that conveys the knowledge
25 or skills of a subject in the school curriculum through a medium or a combination of
26 media for conveying information to a student. It also includes any nonsecure test,
27 nonsecure assessment, or survey administered to a student. The term also includes
28 books, supplementary materials, teaching aids, computer software, magnetic media,
29 DVD, CD-ROM, computer courseware, online material, information, or services, or

1 an electronic medium or other means of conveying information to the student or
2 otherwise contributing to the learning process.

3 ~~(2)~~ (3) "Parent" means the parent or legal guardian of a child attending a
4 public elementary or secondary school.

5 ~~(3)~~ (4) "Survey" means any evaluative instrument or questionnaire that is not
6 an assessment of academic knowledge, skills, or abilities, administered as part of a
7 state, national, or international assessment or by itself.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides relative to access by parents and teachers to assessments administered in public schools.

Present law (R.S. 17:355) provides that a parent of a child attending a public elementary or secondary school is entitled to:

- (1) Review instructional materials used by or administered to the parent's child.
- (2) Review any survey before it is administered or distributed by a school to a student.

Proposed law adds provision that entitles a parent to review each assessment administered to the parent's child after the assessment is administered; otherwise retains present law.

Proposed law defines "assessment" as an assessment administered pursuant to present law, which requires measuring performance in relation to grade appropriate skills, state content standards, and national educational indices. "Assessment" also includes any other state, national, or international test or assessment.

Present law requires each local school board to adopt rules and policies for each school to make instructional materials available for review as provided in present law. Provides that the rules may specify reasonable hours for review and specifies that they require the school to provide copies to a parent upon request and establish reasonable fees therefor. Requires the school principal to ensure that the school complies with such rules. Proposed law adds that present law requirements also apply to assessments.

Present law (R.S. 17:24.4(F)) requires standards-based assessments for required subjects (English language arts, math, science, and social studies) to be implemented by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and administered in at least grades 3 through 11. Provides that such assessments be based on state content standards and rigorous student achievement standards comparable to national student achievement levels. Proposed law provides that public school teachers are entitled to review the assessment results for the students to whom they administer such assessments. Requires local public school boards to adopt rules and policies for each school to provide access to the student assessment results to a teacher, upon request, for each student to whom the teacher administers such

assessment. Requires the school principal to ensure that the school complies with such rules. Otherwise retains present law.

(Amends R.S.:17:355(C) and (D); Adds R.S. 17:24.4(F)(5) and 355(B)(3))