

ACT No. 329

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HOUSE BILL NO. 373

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1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:24.4(E), relative to state content standards; to provide for the
3 review, development, and implementation of state content standards; to require that
4 the standards be promulgated by rule in accordance with the Administrative
5 Procedure Act prior to implementation; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 17:24.4(E) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §24.4. Louisiana Competency-Based Education Program; statewide standards for
9 required subjects; Louisiana Educational Assessment Program; parish or city
10 school board comprehensive pupil progression plans; waivers

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12 E.(1) ~~The state Department of Education, with the approval of the State~~
13 ~~Board of Elementary and Secondary Education; shall develop and establish statewide~~
14 state content standards for required subjects to be taught in the public elementary and
15 secondary schools of this state. State content standards for English language arts and
16 mathematics shall be reviewed and developed as provided in Paragraph (3) of this
17 Subsection.

18 (2) ~~The statewide state~~ content standards for required subjects shall be
19 implemented by the state Department of Education as approved by the State Board
20 of Elementary and Secondary Education, with recommendations prior to approval
21 and advice from the educational personnel in the public schools and colleges and
22 universities of this state.

1 (3) State content standards for English language arts and mathematics shall
2 be reviewed and developed as follows:

3 (a) Not later than July 1, 2015, the State Board of Elementary and Secondary
4 Education shall begin reviewing and developing state content standards in English
5 language arts and mathematics.

6 (b) The board shall hold at least one meeting for such purpose in each
7 Louisiana congressional district.

8 (c) The board shall submit the minutes from each meeting held pursuant to
9 this Paragraph to each member of the legislature not later than thirty days after the
10 meeting.

11 (d) All meetings held by the board for the review and development of the
12 standards shall be subject to the Open Meetings Law.

13 (e) The board shall post the standards on its website not later than February
14 21, 2016, and shall adopt the standards not later than March 4, 2016.

15 (f) The board shall promulgate the standards in accordance with the
16 Administrative Procedure Act prior to implementation of the standards.

17 (4) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president of the
18 Senate each shall appoint one member from his respective house to serve as a liaison
19 to attend the meetings held pursuant to Paragraph (3) of this Subsection. Each
20 liaison shall report to the speaker or the president, as applicable, on the status of the
21 review and development of the standards as provided in this Subsection.

22 (5) If, pursuant to R.S. 49:970, the governor suspends or vetoes the rules
23 promulgated by the board for the standards as required in Subparagraph (3)(f) of this
24 Subsection, the board shall undertake a review of the standards and make any
25 necessary revisions and shall commence without delay the process for the
26 promulgation of rules for the revised standards. The legislative liaisons appointed
27 pursuant to Paragraph (4) of this Subsection shall report to the speaker or the
28 president, as applicable, the specific time lines and actions taken by the board in
29 commencing the process for the promulgation of rules for the revised standards.

