AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:429, relative to educational leadership certification; to provide for the qualifications for educational leadership certification; to require that an individual who meets the qualifications shall be granted an educational leadership certificate by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education for employment as a supervisor, director, or coordinator of special education; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 17:429 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§ 429. Educational leadership certification; qualifications

The State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education shall grant an individual who meets all of the following criteria an educational leadership certificate indicating eligibility for employment as a supervisor, director, or coordinator of special education for a public school system:

(1) Has completed a graduate degree program from a regionally accredited institution of postsecondary education.

(2) Has completed at least two hundred forty hours of leadership experiences at the school or district level as defined by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education pursuant to rules and regulations.

(3) Has achieved a passing score on the School Leaders Licensure Assessment or other equivalent assessment as determined by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education pursuant to rules and regulations.
(4) Holds a valid Louisiana ancillary certificate and meets any of the criteria for an evaluation coordinator in any of the following areas pursuant to State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education rules and regulations:

(a) Assessment teacher, educational consultant, or educational diagnostician.

(b) Certified school psychologist.

(c) Speech-language pathologist, speech and hearing therapist, or speech-hearing-language specialist.

(d) Qualified school social worker.

(e) Audiologist.

(5) Has at least three years of experience working with students in his area of certification.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: ____________________