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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides that educator preparation programs approved by the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) are not proprietary schools and thus not subject to requirements pertaining to licensing by the Bd. of Regents.

Present law provides for the licensing of proprietary schools by the Bd. of Regents. Requires that proprietary schools maintain minimum standards in order to be licensed and prohibits them from doing business unless they are licensed. Defines a "proprietary school" as a business enterprise (for profit or nonprofit) that offers instruction for the purpose of training or preparing a person for a field of endeavor in a business, trade, technical, or industrial occupation. Excepts certain programs and providers from this definition.

Proposed law adds educator preparation programs that are approved by BESE to the list of programs and providers excepted from the definition of proprietary school.

(Amends R.S. 17:3141.2(intro. para.) and (5)(intro. para.); Adds R.S. 17:3141.2(5)(q))