
DIGEST

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Abstract: Relative to pupil progression, deletes requirements for summer remediation programs and requires that pupil progression plans be made publicly available.

Present law provides relative to the Competency-Based Education Program. Present law establishes, as part of the program, a program of academic testing of students, the La. Educational Assessment Program (LEAP). Requires that each local school board implement the LEAP tests and establish a policy relative to promoting a student from 4th to 5th grade or from 8th to 9th grade if the student fails to achieve the required proficiency on certain LEAP tests.

Requires school boards to develop pupil progression plans based on achievement, performance, and proficiency on tests required by present law. Proposed law requires that the progression plans be made publicly available.

Present law requires that students who fail to meet required achievement standards be offered education programs designed to accelerate progress. Present law provides that, at a minimum, such education programs shall include summer school remediation programs for students who cannot be fully promoted to the 5th or 9th grade.

Proposed law retains present law remediation requirement but removes requirement that the remediation be in summer and applies it to students who cannot be promoted without required academic intervention instead of to students who cannot be fully promoted.

Present law, relative to summer school remediation programs, requires that they meet minimum requirements as established by BESE and provides relative to their funding. Authorizes Dept. of Education to allocate money to governing bodies at the time the number of students who failed to meet the achievement level is known rather than on a cost reimbursement basis. Authorizes a local school board to require attendance at summer school unless the parent or guardian signs a form opting out of summer school. Proposed law repeals present law.

(Amends R.S. 17:24.4(G)(1) and (4))