

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 620 (Substitute for House Bill No. 310 by Representative McMahan)

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCMAHEN

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

TEACHERS/CERTIFICATION: Provides relative to requirements for teacher certification

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:7.1(A)(3), relative to teacher certification; to provide with
3 respect to entrance requirements into and completion of a teacher education program
4 for such certification; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 17:7.1(A)(3) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §7.1. Certification of teachers; certification of principals and superintendents;
8 certification of school psychologists

9 A. In carrying out its responsibility to prescribe the qualifications and
10 provide for the certification of teachers under authority of R.S. 17:7(6), the
11 qualifications and requirements established by the State Board of Elementary and
12 Secondary Education for certification of any applicant for certification who
13 completes an approved teacher education program in Louisiana shall include but not
14 be limited to the following:

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16 (3)(a) That the applicant shall have achieved a 2.50 average on a 4.00 scale
17 at graduation from an approved program.

18 (b) An applicant who has passed all requisite examinations covering pre-
19 professional skills and content knowledge but who does not meet the requirement of

- (2) That the applicant achieved a 2.50 average on a 4.00 scale at graduation from a teacher education program.

Proposed law retains present law and allows, in lieu of the 2.50 grade point average in a teacher education program requirement, successful completion of a post-baccalaureate program as follows:

- (1) If the student attends a program which awards credit hours and grades, requires at least a 3.0 grade point average in the first 12 credit hours of the program and subsequent completion of the program.
- (2) If the student attends a program which does not award credit hours or grades, requires demonstration of mastery of competencies required by the program administrator and the school system in which the applicant completes clinical practice and completion of program requirements as set forth by the state board.

(Amends R.S. 17:7.1(A)(3))