

ACT No. 388

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

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCMAHEN

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
20 Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph may be certified if he completes a post-
21 baccalaureate program as provided in this Subparagraph.

1 (i) Such an applicant for admission to a post-baccalaureate program may be
2 granted conditional admission following a satisfactory personal interview by the
3 program's admissions officer.

4 (ii) If the program awards credit hours, the applicant shall achieve a grade
5 point average of 3.00 or higher in post-baccalaureate program courses by the end of
6 his first twelve credit hours and successfully complete the program.

7 (iii) If the program does not award credit hours, the applicant shall
8 demonstrate mastery of competencies as required by the program administrator and
9 by the school system in which the applicant completes required clinical practice, and
10 satisfactorily completes all program requirements as set forth by the state board,
11 including any requirements for clinical practice, at graduation.

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13 Section 2. The state Department of Education shall develop and disseminate to all
14 post-baccalaureate programs, not later than August 1, 2019, an interview protocol and
15 guidance document to assist in assessing an applicant's readiness to successfully complete
16 the program.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____