
DIGEST

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HB No. 251

Abstract: Requires the state superintendent of education, at a minimum, to possess at the time of appointment the qualifications adopted by BESE to be a superintendent of a local school board. Permits BESE to waive a qualification for the state superintendent if approved by at least 2/3 of the authorized board membership. Authorizes BESE to establish additional qualifications for the state superintendent.

Present law provides that the state superintendent of education shall have such qualifications as are adopted by BESE by rule.

Proposed law instead provides that the state superintendent, at a minimum, shall possess at the time of appointment such qualifications as are adopted by BESE by rule for the position of superintendent of a local school board. Specifies that, except by a vote by at least 2/3 of the authorized BESE membership, BESE shall have no authority to waive for the state superintendent any qualification established by the board for the position of superintendent of a local school board.

Present law requires a superintendent of a local school board to have: a valid Type A or Level 3 teaching certificate, five years of experience serving in certain education administration positions, a masters degree, and specified graduate-level course work.

Proposed law further authorizes BESE, by rule, to establish additional qualifications applicable to the state superintendent.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 17:21(B))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Education to the original bill.

1. Changed proposed law to permit BESE, subject to a 2/3 vote, to waive for the position of state superintendent any BESE qualification for the position of local superintendent rather than to specify that BESE shall have no such authority.