

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 377

BY REPRESENTATIVE GEYMANN

STUDENT/STANDARDS: Provides for implementation of state content standards by the state Dept. of Education subject to legislative approval

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:24.4(E), relative to education standards; to provide for
3 implementation of state content standards by the state Department of Education
4 subject to legislative approval; to provide for the implementation of certain state
5 content standards for certain years and under certain circumstances; to provide an
6 effective date; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 17:24.4(E) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

9 §24.4. Louisiana Competency-Based Education Program; statewide standards for
10 required subjects; Louisiana Educational Assessment Program; parish or city
11 school board comprehensive pupil progression plans; waivers

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13 E.(1) The state Department of Education ~~shall~~, with the approval of the State
14 Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, ~~as part of the Louisiana~~
15 ~~Competency-Based Education Program~~, shall develop ~~and establish~~ statewide
16 content standards for required subjects to be taught in the public elementary and
17 secondary schools of this state. The statewide content standards for required subjects
18 shall be implemented pursuant to this Subsection by the state Department of
19 Education as approved by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education,
20 with recommendations prior to approval and advice from the educational personnel

1 in the public schools and colleges and universities of this state. Such implementation
 2 shall also be subject to the approval of the standards by the legislature by concurrent
 3 resolution adopted by a favorable vote of at least a majority of the elected members
 4 of each house and if approved, shall be implemented, beginning with the 2015-2016
 5 school year, through rules and regulations promulgated in accordance with the
 6 Administrative Procedure Act. The department shall submit the standards to the
 7 legislature on or before March 1, 2015. The legislature may return the standards to
 8 the department and include any recommendations for changes to the standards it
 9 deems necessary or appropriate. If the legislature fails to approve the standards prior
 10 to July 1, 2015, the department shall continue to implement the state standards used
 11 immediately prior to the adoption of the Common Core State Standards by the State
 12 Board of Elementary and Secondary Education.

13 (2) For the 2014-2015 school year, the department shall implement the state
 14 standards used immediately prior to the adoption of the Common Core State
 15 Standards by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education.

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17 Section 2. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2014; if vetoed by the governor
 18 and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on July 1,
 19 2014, or on the day following such approval by the legislature, whichever is later.

DIGEST

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HB No. 377

Abstract: Provides for implementation of state content standards by the state Dept. of Education subject to legislative approval.

Present law provides for the La. Competency-Based Education Program, including the development and implementation of statewide standards for required subjects and the La. Educational Assessment Program (LEAP). Requires the state Dept. of Education to develop, with the approval of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE), statewide content standards for required subjects for public elementary and secondary schools. Requires implementation of the standards by the department, with recommendations prior to approval and advice from the educational personnel in the public schools and colleges and universities of this state.

Proposed law retains present law except makes implementation of the standards subject to legislative approval of the standards. Provides that if approved prior to July 1, 2015, implementation shall begin with the 2015-2016 school year. Provides that the legislature may recommend changes to the standards prior to approval. Provides that if the legislature fails to approve the standards prior to July 1, 2015, the department shall implement the state standards used immediately prior to BESE's adoption of the Common Core State Standards (CCSS). Provides that for the 2014-2015 school year, the department shall implement the state standards used immediately prior to BESE's adoption of the CCSS.

Effective July 1, 2014.

(Amends R.S. 17:24.4(E))