
DIGEST

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HB No. 415

Abstract: Requires the state superintendent of education to reappoint and reconvene the Educator Evaluation Advisory Committee to report and make recommendations relative to the evaluation of teachers and administrators.

Present law requires the annual, formal evaluation of every public school teacher and administrator through the professional employee evaluation program. Provides for the appointment and convening by the state superintendent of education of an Educator Evaluation Advisory Committee to make recommendations to the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) and the House and Senate education committees by April 30, 2012, relative to certain components of such evaluation program.

Proposed law requires the reappointment and reconvening of this committee, the holding of its first meeting by Sept. 30, 2014, and its submission of its initial report and recommendations to BESE and such committees by not later than 60 days prior to the beginning of the 2015 R.S. Requires a subsequent report and further recommendations by not later than 60 days prior to the 2016 R.S.

Present law requires the committee to make recommendations regarding the following:

- (1) Development of a value-added assessment model (commonly known as VAM).
- (2) Identification of measures of student growth for grades and subjects for which value-added data are not available and for personnel for which value-added data are not available.
- (3) Adoption of standards of effectiveness.

Proposed law revises the recommendation requirements to require the committee to report on and make recommendations regarding the overall effectiveness of the evaluation program, including but not limited to any recommendations for changes to BESE policy or state law relative to VAM, such growth measures, elements of evaluation, and such standards for effectiveness.

Present law provides for a committee membership of at least 50% practicing classroom educators; at least two parents of public school students; two members of each legislative education committee appointed by the respective chairmen; one member appointed by each BESE member; and one member appointed by the Assoc. Professional Educators of La., La.

Assoc. of Educators, La. Federation of Teachers, La. Assoc. of School Superintendents, La. Assoc. of Principals, and La. Assoc. of Public Charter Schools. Provides that members serve without compensation. Proposed law retains present law.

(Amends R.S. 17:3883(A)(6)(a)(intro. para.), (c), and (d))