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## DIGEST

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HB No. 988

**Abstract:** Permits local public school boards to develop and implement curriculum content and methodology for required subjects for the schools under its jurisdiction instead of that recommended by the state Dept. of Education or the State Board of Elementary or Secondary Education.

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, 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 but permits local public school boards to develop and implement curriculum content and methodology for required subjects for the schools under its jurisdiction in lieu of the curriculum content and methodology recommended by the state Dept. of Education or BESE.

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