

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 373

BY REPRESENTATIVE GEYMANN

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

STUDENT/STANDARDS: Provides for the implementation of state content standards for public school students subject to legislative approval

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:24.4(E), relative to state content standards; to provide for the
3 review, development, and implementation of state content standards; to require that
4 the standards be promulgated by rule in accordance with the Administrative
5 Procedure Act prior to implementation; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

8 §24.4. Louisiana Competency-Based Education Program; statewide standards for
9 required subjects; Louisiana Educational Assessment Program; parish or city
10 school board comprehensive pupil progression plans; waivers

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12 E.(1) ~~The state Department of Education, with the approval of the State~~
13 ~~Board of Elementary and Secondary Education; shall develop and establish statewide~~
14 state content standards for required subjects to be taught in the public elementary and
15 secondary schools of this state. State content standards for English language arts and
16 mathematics shall be reviewed and developed as provided in Paragraph (3) of this
17 Subsection.

18 (2) ~~The statewide~~ state content standards for required subjects shall be
19 implemented by the state Department of Education as approved by the State Board
20 of Elementary and Secondary Education, with recommendations prior to approval

1 and advice from the educational personnel in the public schools and colleges and
2 universities of this state.

3 (3) State content standards for English language arts and mathematics shall
4 be reviewed and developed as follows:

5 (a) Not later than July 1, 2015, the State Board of Elementary and Secondary
6 Education shall begin reviewing and developing state content standards in English
7 language arts and mathematics.

8 (b) The board shall hold at least one meeting for such purpose in each
9 Louisiana congressional district.

10 (c) The board shall submit the minutes from each meeting held pursuant to
11 this Paragraph to each member of the legislature not later than thirty days after the
12 meeting.

13 (d) All meetings held by the board for the review and development of the
14 standards shall be subject to the Open Meetings Law.

15 (e) The board shall post the standards on its website not later than February
16 21, 2016, and shall adopt the standards not later than March 4, 2016.

17 (f) The board shall promulgate the standards in accordance with the
18 Administrative Procedure Act prior to implementation of the standards.

19 (4) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president of the
20 Senate each shall appoint one member from his respective house to serve as a liaison
21 to attend the meetings held pursuant to Paragraph (3) of this Subsection. Each
22 liaison shall report to the speaker or the president, as applicable, on the status of the
23 review and development of the standards as provided in this Subsection.

24 (5) If, pursuant to R.S. 49:970, the governor suspends or vetoes the rules
25 promulgated by the board for the standards as required in Subparagraph (4)(f) of this
26 Subsection, the board shall undertake a review of the standards and make any
27 necessary revisions and shall commence without delay the process for the
28 promulgation of rules for the revised standards.

- (7) Requires the speaker of the House and the president of the Senate each to appoint one member to serve as a liaison to attend the meetings held pursuant to proposed law and requires each liaison to report on the status of the review and development of the standards.
- (8) Provides that if the governor suspends or vetoes the rules promulgated by BESE for the standards, the board shall undertake a review of the standards and make any necessary revisions and shall commence without delay the promulgation of rules for the revised standards.

Proposed law otherwise retains present law.

Provides that proposed law is effective if and when Senate Bill No. 43 of the 2015 R.S. (relative to the Admin. Procedure Act) becomes effective.

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

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Education to the original bill:

1. Require BESE to develop the state content standards instead of the department with BESE approval.
2. Add provisions for the review, development, and implementation of state content standards in English language arts and math by BESE including requirements for meetings, rules, submission of minutes, and the posting and adoption of the standards. Also add requirement that the speaker of the House and the president of the Senate each to appoint a liaison to attend the meetings.
3. Add provisions relative to the suspension or veto of the standards by the governor.