
DIGEST

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HB 217 Engrossed

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Abstract: Provides for the granting of educational leadership certification by the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Proposed law provides that a person who meets all of the following criteria shall be granted an educational leadership certificate by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) indicating eligibility for employment as a supervisor, director, or coordinator of special education for a public school system:

- (1) Has completed a graduate degree program from a regionally accredited institution of postsecondary education.
- (2) Has completed at least 240 hours of leadership experiences at the school or district level as defined by BESE.
- (3) Has achieved a passing score on the School Leaders Licensure Assessment or equivalent as determined by BESE.
- (4) Holds a valid La. ancillary certificate and meets the criteria for an evaluation coordinator in any of the following areas pursuant to BESE rules and regulations:
 - (a) Assessment teacher, educational consultant, or educational diagnostician.
 - (b) Certified school psychologist.
 - (c) Speech-language pathologist, speech and hearing therapist, or speech-hearing-language specialist.
 - (d) Qualified school social worker.
 - (e) Audiologist.
- (5) Has at least three years of experience working with students in his area of certification.

(Adds R.S. 17:429)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Relative to the eligibility criteria for educational leadership certification:

- (a) Change the completion of a graduate degree program *in education* to completion of a graduate degree program.
- (b) Change the holding of a valid La. ancillary *teaching* certificate to holding a valid La. ancillary certificate *and* meeting the criteria for an evaluation coordinator in certain specified areas.
- (c) Add having at least three years of experience working with students in his area of certification.