
DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides with respect to grade point average and post-baccalaureate requirements for entry into a teacher education program and requirements relative to teacher certification.

Present law provides relative to certification of teachers, principals, superintendents, and school psychologists.

Present law provides that the requirements established by the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) for certification of any applicant who completes an approved teacher education program in La. shall include the following:

- (1) That the applicant attained a 2.20 average on a 4.00 scale as a condition for entrance into a teacher education program.
- (2) That the applicant achieved a 2.50 average on a 4.00 scale at graduation from a teacher education program.

Proposed law retains present law and allows, in lieu of the 2.50 grade point average in a teacher education program requirement, successful completion of a post-baccalaureate program as follows:

- (1) If the student attends a program which awards credit hours and grades, requires at least a 3.0 grade point average in the first 12 credit hours of the program and subsequent completion of the program.
- (2) If the student attends a program which does not award credit hours or grades, requires demonstration of mastery of competencies required by the program administrator and the school system in which the applicant completes clinical practice and completion of program requirements as set forth by the state board.

(Amends R.S. 17:7.1(A)(3))