

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 546

BY REPRESENTATIVES MINCEY, BRASS, HARRIS, JEFFERSON, CHARLES OWEN,
SCHLEGEL, ST. BLANC, AND TARVER

HIGHER EDUCATION: Provides relative to the requirements for admission into a teacher
education program

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:7(6)(b)(i)(aa) and to repeal R.S. 17:7.1(A)(7), relative to
3 teacher preparation and certification; to revise requirements for entry into a teacher
4 preparation program; to revise requirements for initial certification of school
5 teachers; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 17:7(6)(b)(i)(aa) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §7. Duties, functions, and responsibilities of board

9 In addition to the authorities granted by R.S. 17:6 and any powers, duties, and
10 responsibilities vested by any other applicable laws, the board shall:

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14 (b)(i)(aa) A person applying for initial certification as a teacher in a public
15 school shall have passed satisfactorily an examination, which shall include ~~English~~
16 ~~proficiency~~, pedagogical knowledge; and knowledge in his area of specialization, as
17 a prerequisite to the granting of such certificate. However, a person who is
18 employed as a foreign language teacher in a Certified Foreign Language Immersion
19 Program pursuant to R.S. 17:273.2, and who is not otherwise eligible to receive state

