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HOUSE BILL NO. 191

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AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:7.1(A)(4) and 3886(B), relative to teacher certification; to 3 provide for teacher preparation requirements; to provide for the crediting of teaching 4 experience; to provide for certification requirements for certain applicants with 5 respect to performance evaluations; to require the State Board of Elementary and 6 Secondary Education to adopt rules; to provide for an effective date; and to provide 7 for related matters. 8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana: 9 Section 1. R.S. 17:7.1(A)(4) and 3886(B) are hereby amended and reenacted to read 10 as follows: 11 §7.1. Certification of teachers; certification of principals and superintendents; 12 certification of school psychologists 13 A. In carrying out its responsibility to prescribe the qualifications and 14 provide for the certification of teachers under authority of R.S. 17:7(6), the 15 qualifications and requirements established by the State Board of Elementary and 16 Secondary Education for certification of any applicant for certification who 17 completes an approved teacher education program in Louisiana shall include but not 18 be limited to the following: 19

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1	(4)(a) For applicants who have participated in any undergraduate teacher
2	education program, that the The applicant shall meet at least one of the following
3	requirements:
4	(a) complete Complete the prescribed number of semester hours in the
5	teaching of reading as established in policy by the State Board of Elementary and
6	Secondary Education in accordance with the level of certification to be awarded.
7	such This requirement to be is in addition to requirements for English courses, and
8	such the courses in the teaching of reading shall emphasize techniques of teaching
9	reading and the recognition and correction of reading problems of the student. For
10	certification at the secondary level, not more than three semester hours in the
11	teaching of reading shall be considered for purposes of meeting certification
12	requirements.
13	(b) For applicants who have participated in any alternate teacher education
14	program as provided pursuant to rules and regulations adopted by the State Board of
15	Elementary and Secondary Education, that the applicant shall be given the option of
16	either completing the same amount of semester hours as required for the teaching of
17	reading for undergraduate program applicants pursuant to this Paragraph or, in lieu
18	of such semester hour requirements, shall possess Possess the reading and literacy
19	competencies identified in scientifically based reading research at the national level
20	and approved by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education for the
21	teaching of reading.
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23	§3886. Teaching credentials; regular certification, permanent certification; effect of
24	evaluation
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B.(1)(a) Persons A teacher who seek seeks a regular teacher certificate and hold holds a teacher certificate from out of state or for teaching at a nonpublic school in Louisiana and have out-of-state teaching experience of three years or more shall not may be credited with their his years of teaching experience in the issuance of any teaching credential until receipt of only if he has at least three years of either out-of-

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA	

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

APPROVED: \_