2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 647

## BY REPRESENTATIVE ROMERO

## EDUCATION: Provides relative to student instruction requirements

1	AN ACT
2	To amend and reenact R.S. 17:419.4 and to enact R.S. 17:420(C) and (D), relative to student
3	instruction; to provide relative to the effectiveness of requirements for student
4	instruction; to require the state Department of Education to create a database of
5	student instructional requirements and report to the House Committee on Education
6	and Senate Committee on Education every five years; and to provide for related
7	matters.
8	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
9	Section 1. R.S. 17:419.4 is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 17:420(E) and
10	(D) are hereby enacted to read as follows:
11	§419.4. Required teacher training; effectiveness
12	<u>A.(1)</u> No requirement that increases the uncompensated training burden on
13	professional teachers shall become effective.
14	(2) A requirement for additional teacher training shall become effective only
15	if provision is made for teachers to receive the training at a time when they are being
16	compensated and not participating in local professional development activities or the
17	burden of the requirement is offset by the elimination of another training
18	requirement, completion of which requires at least the same amount of time as the
19	additional requirement.

1	B.(1) No requirement that increases the instructional burden on professional		
2	teachers related to content, topics, or methods that are not provided for in the state		
3	content standards adopted by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary		
4	Education or the Carnegie units established by the state Department of Education in		
5	accordance with state board policy shall become effective.		
6	(2) A requirement for additional instructional content, topics, or methods		
7	shall become effective only if first approved by the state board or if the burden of the		
8	requirement is offset by the elimination of another instructional requirement of equal		
9	burden.		
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11	§420. Required teacher training database; report required student instruction		
12	database; reports		
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14	C. The state Department of Education shall create and maintain a database		
15	of student instruction required by law that is not provided for in the state content		
16	standards adopted by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education or the		
17	Carnegie units established by the state Department of Education in accordance with		
18	state board policy. The department shall provide for teachers and school		
19	administrators to have access to the database through its website or by other means.		
20	The database shall include the following information with respect to each required		
21	element of instruction:		
22	(1) The provision of law establishing the requirement.		
23	(2) The topic or subject matter of the instruction.		
24	(3) Available resources for planning and delivering the instruction, including		
25	links to such resources or materials, if applicable.		
26	(4) The course or subject area in which teachers are required to provide the		
27	instruction.		
28	(5) The grade levels or other characteristics of students who are required to		
29	receive the instruction.		

1	(6) The amount of time required to provide the instruction each school year.
2	D. Every five years the department shall prepare and submit a report to the
3	House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education on this
4	instruction. The report shall include the following:
5	(1) A complete list of all required instruction, including a description of each
6	instruction and legal citations for the requirements.
7	(2) The approximate time, in hours, that providing each instruction requires
8	per school year.
9	(3) A list of specific recommendations for changes to the law regarding such
10	instruction, including specific recommendations regarding instructional requirements
11	that should be repealed, modified, or added.

## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides relative to the effectiveness of student instructional requirements and requires the state Dept. of Education to establish a database for such requirements.

## Proposed law:

- (1) Provides that no requirement that increases the instructional burden on professional teachers related to content, topics, or methods that are not provided for in the state content standards adopted by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) or the Carnegie units established by the state Dept. of Education (DOE) in accordance with BESE policy shall become effective.
- (2) Provides that a requirement for additional instructional content, topics, or methods shall become effective only if first approved by the state board or if the burden of the requirement is offset by the elimination of another instructional requirement of equal burden.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires DOE to establish and maintain a database of student instruction required by law that is not provided for in the state content standards adopted by BESE or the Carnegie units established by DOE in accordance with BESE policy. Specifies the content of database and requires a report to the House and Senate education committees every five years.

(Amends R.S. 17:419.4 and 420; Adds R.S. 17:420(C) and (D))