
DIGEST

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Present law requires the state Dept. of Education (DOE) to implement the Louisiana Educational Assessment Program (LEAP) with the approval of the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE). Requires that BESE implement standards-based assessments in English language arts, math, science, and social studies and that the tests be administered, at a minimum, in grades 3-11. Also requires BESE to establish by rule the adequate test score to determine successful performance of the student on each test; present administrative rule (BESE policy) requires students to pass certain end-of-course assessments in order to be eligible for a high school diploma.

Proposed law provides that a student who successfully completes each Carnegie unit required for graduation shall receive a high school diploma regardless of scores on any state-administered tests.

(Adds R.S. 17:24.4(F)(1)(k))