
DIGEST

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HB No. 377

Abstract: Provides for implementation of state content standards by the state Dept. of Education subject to legislative approval.

Present law provides for the La. Competency-Based Education Program, including the development and implementation of statewide standards for required subjects and the La. Educational Assessment Program (LEAP). Requires the state Dept. of Education to develop, with the approval of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE), statewide content standards for required subjects for public elementary and secondary schools. Requires implementation of the standards by the department, with recommendations prior to approval and advice from the educational personnel in the public schools and colleges and universities of this state.

Proposed law retains present law except makes implementation of the standards subject to legislative approval of the standards. Provides that if approved prior to July 1, 2015, implementation shall begin with the 2015-2016 school year. Provides that the legislature may recommend changes to the standards prior to approval. Provides that if the legislature fails to approve the standards prior to July 1, 2015, the department shall implement the state standards used immediately prior to BESE's adoption of the Common Core State Standards (CCSS). Provides that for the 2014-2015 school year, the department shall implement the state standards used immediately prior to BESE's adoption of the CCSS.

Effective July 1, 2014.

(Amends R.S. 17:24.4(E))