

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 481

BY REPRESENTATIVE SHADOIN

STUDENT/STANDARDS: Provides relative to implementation of Common Core State Standards and the development of curriculum guides prior to such implementation for public schools and nonpublic schools participating in the voucher program

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:24.4(E) and (F)(1)(d) and to enact R.S. 17:24.4(F)(2) and

3 4022(7), relative to education standards and related curriculum and assessments; to

4 provide for implementation of the Common Core State Standards on a phased-in

5 basis; to require the state Department of Education to develop and distribute

6 statewide curriculum guides for use by public schools and nonpublic schools

7 participating in the Student Scholarships for Educational Excellence Program prior

8 to such implementation; to require such nonpublic schools to comply with the

9 requirements relative to the use of the curriculum guides and the implementation of

10 the Common Core State Standards for scholarship recipients; to remove the

11 requirement that standards-based assessments for certain subjects be based on

12 nationally recognized content standards; to require the state Department of Education

13 to provide funding for certain local public schools for the implementation and

14 administration of online assessments; and to provide for related matters.

15 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

16 Section 1. R.S. 17:24.4(E) and (F)(1)(d) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.

17 17:24.4(F)(2) and 4022(7) are hereby enacted to read as follows:



1 in those grades and the next grade level each subsequent school year until full  
2 implementation is complete.

3 (4) For the 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 school years, the department shall  
4 implement the state standards used immediately prior to the adoption of the Common  
5 Core State Standards by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education.  
6 The department shall continue to implement such standards throughout the phase-in  
7 period as provided for in Paragraph (3) of this Subsection for grades as applicable.

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10 (d) ~~Beginning with the 2014-2015 school year, standards-based~~ Standards-  
11 based assessments implemented by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary  
12 Education ~~in English language arts and mathematics~~ shall be based on nationally  
13 ~~recognized~~ content standards that represent the knowledge and skills needed for  
14 students to successfully transition to postsecondary education and the workplace.  
15 Rigorous student achievement standards shall be set with reference to test scores of  
16 the same grade levels nationally.

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18 (2) The state Department of Education shall provide funding to each city,  
19 parish, or other local public school that does not have the necessary technology  
20 equipment or infrastructure in place for the implementation and administration of  
21 any online assessments required pursuant to this Subsection or any other law or any  
22 rule, regulation, or policy of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary  
23 Education. Such funding shall not be paid from monies appropriated for the  
24 minimum foundation program formula.

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26 §4022. Participating schools; requirements

27 Each participating school shall:

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present law or any other law or any rule, regulation, or policy of BESE. Prohibits such funding to come from monies appropriated for the minimum foundation program (MFP) formula.

Present law relative to the Student Scholarships for Educational Excellence Program, requires nonpublic schools participating in the program to comply with specified criteria. Proposed law adds that such schools shall comply with the requirements of proposed law relative to use of curriculum guides and implementation of Common Core State Standards for scholarship recipients enrolled in such schools.

(Amends R.S. 17:24.4(E) and (F)(1)(d); Adds R.S. 17:24.4(F)(2) and 4022(7))