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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Prohibits implementation of Common Core State Standards, provides for implementation of prior standards, provides with respect to development of standards, and prohibits certain standards-based assessments.

Present law defines "statewide content standards for required subjects" and includes content experts, educators, and business leaders in determining knowledge and skills necessary for students to successfully transition to postsecondary education and the workplace. Proposed law requires that such experts, educators, and business leaders reside in or do business in La. and adds community leaders to this group.

Present law requires the state Dept. of Education, with the approval of BESE, to develop statewide content standards with recommendation from educational personnel. Proposed law retains present law and adds community leaders to those making recommendation, specifies that these individuals be La.-based, and further requires that their recommendations be made applying principles, values, and standards of the state's communities.

Proposed law specifically prohibits the state Dept. of Education and BESE from implementing Common Core State Standards for any subject and requires the department to revert to prior standards and make improvements on such standards as may be necessary to ensure rigorous standards.

Proposed law deletes present law requirement that the standards-based assessments in English language arts and math be based on nationally recognized content standards and prohibits implementation of the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) and Smarter Balanced assessments and any other similar assessments.

(Amends R.S. 17:24.4(A)(4), (E), and (F)(1)(d))