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## DIGEST

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HB No. 953

**Abstract:** Provides relative to the definition and establishment of statewide content standards for required subjects and prohibits such standards from requiring the use of federally or state-endorsed curricula, textbooks, or other instructional materials and from requiring the collection or reporting of student data.

Present law provides for the La. Competency-Based Education Program, including the development and implementation of statewide content standards for required subjects and the La. Educational Assessment Program (LEAP) by the state Dept. of Education with approval of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE). Proposed law additionally requires that such standards be established in accordance with La. educational priorities as determined by BESE and prohibits such standards from requiring the use of federally or state-endorsed curricula, textbooks, or other instructional materials and from requiring the collection or reporting of any student data.

Present law defines "statewide content standards for required subjects" as statements that define what a student should know or be able to accomplish at the end of a specific time period or grade level or at the completion of a course. Proposed law revises this definition to provide for what "La. public elementary and secondary students" rather than for what "a student" should know or be able to accomplish and otherwise retains present law.

(Amends R.S. 17:24.4(A)(4) and (E))