

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 502

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Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

STUDENT/ASSESSMENT: Limits the time allowed for administration and the length of state assessments to public school students in grades three through eight

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:24.4(F)(2), relative to student assessments; to provide relative to the length  
3 of such assessments; to limit the amount of time allowed for administration of  
4 required state assessments to students in certain grades; to require the State Board  
5 of Elementary and Secondary Education to promulgate rules to implement such  
6 limitations; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 17:24.4(F)(2) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §24.4. Louisiana Competency-Based Education Program; statewide standards for  
10 required subjects; Louisiana Educational Assessment Program; parish or city  
11 school board comprehensive pupil progression plans; waivers

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15 (2)(a) The following limitations shall apply to the design of an assessment  
16 required pursuant to this Subsection:

17 (i) For students in grades three through five, eighty-five percent shall be able  
18 to complete the assessment in one hundred twenty minutes or less.

1                    (ii) For students in grades six through eight, eighty-five percent shall be able  
2                    to complete the assessment in one hundred eighty minutes or less.

3                   **(b) The amount of time allowed for the administration of an assessment to**  
4                   **public school students in grades three through eight shall not exceed five hours, and**  
5                   **the assessment shall be administered on only one school day. The amount of time**  
6                   **allowed for the administration of practice tests and other test preparation that may**  
7                   **be required prior to the administration of an assessment shall not exceed one hour**  
8                   **per day for not more than five days.**

9                    (c) The State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education shall  
10                   promulgate rules in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act for  
11                   implementation of this Paragraph.

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# DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Limits the amount of time allowed for administration and the length of required state assessments to students in grades three through eight.

Present law requires standards-based assessments for required subjects (English language arts, math, science, and social studies) to be implemented by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) and administered in at least grades 3 through 11. Provides that such assessments be based on state content standards and rigorous student achievement standards comparable to national student achievement levels. Further requires that the rigor of such assessments shall at least compare to that of national achievement tests. Requires BESE to establish the adequate test scores for determining successful student performance on the tests. Specifies that beginning with the 2014-2015 school year, the standards-based assessments in English language arts and math shall be based on nationally recognized content standards.

Proposed law adds limitations on such assessments as follows:

- (1) For students in grades three through five, 85% shall be able to complete the assessment in 120 minutes or less.
- (2) For students in grades six through eight, 85% shall be able to complete the assessment in 180 minutes or less.
- (3) The administration of an assessment in grades three through eight shall not exceed five hours and the assessment shall be administered on only one school day. The amount of time allowed for the administration of practice tests and other test

preparation required prior to the administration of an assessment shall not exceed one hour each day for not more than five days.

Requires BESE to promulgate rules for implementation of proposed law.

Proposed law otherwise retains present law.

(Adds R.S. 17:24.4(F)(2))