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Present law requires the state Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) to prescribe a process for the review, adoption, procurement, and distribution of free textbooks and other instructional materials used at the elementary and secondary level. Further requires BESE to establish a process whereby the state Department of Education (DOE) shall review textbooks and other instructional materials in the core subject areas and determine the degree to which each aligns with state content standards.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law requires each public school governing authority to adopt policies and regulations for the adoption and use of textbooks and other instructional materials and the establishment of review committees to review textbooks and other instructional materials that have not been reviewed by DOE.

Proposed law retains present law and additionally requires that the policies and regulations adopted by a public school governing authority establish evaluation criteria and procedures by which the review committees shall determine the extent to which textbooks and other instructional materials submitted for review align with state content standards.

Proposed law requires textbooks and other instructional materials that have not been reviewed by DOE but have been reviewed by a public school governing authority and deemed aligned with state content standards be given equal weight by DOE in all matters, including determination of eligibility for federal or state funding.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 17:351.1(C)(3)(a); adds R.S. 17: 351.1(F))