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Present law provides that the superintendent of education shall administer, execute, and implement BESE policies and programs and shall serve as the administrative head of the Dept. of Education.

Present law provides that the state superintendent must possess the same qualifications established by BESE for a local school superintendent, unless waived by a two-thirds vote of the board. Authorizes BESE to establish additional qualifications for the office of state superintendent.

Present law provides for the appointment of the superintendent of education by a two-thirds vote of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) and requires the board to enter into a contract with the appointed superintendent. Specifies that such contract may not extend past the term of office of the members of the board making the appointment. Further provides that the superintendent's contract may provide that the superintendent may serve until the succeeding board makes an appointment.

Proposed law retains present law and otherwise clarifies the role of the state superintendent, provides consistency to language distinguishing the office of state superintendent of education from that of a superintendent of a local school board, and makes various other technical corrections to present law.

Present law provides that an appointed state superintendent of education is subject to Senate confirmation.

Proposed law retains present law and specifies that the state superintendent be confirmed in accordance with present law provisions governing confirmation of state officials by the Senate.

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

(Amends R.S. 17:21)