2019 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 620 (Substitute for House Bill No. 310 by Representative McMahen) BY REPRESENTATIVE MCMAHEN

1	AN ACT
2	To amend and reenact R.S. $17:7.1(A)(3)$, relative to teacher certification; to provide with
3	respect to entrance requirements into and completion of a teacher education program
4	for such certification; and to provide for related matters.
5	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
6	Section 1. R.S. $17:7.1(A)(3)$ is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
7	§7.1. Certification of teachers; certification of principals and superintendents;
8	certification of school psychologists
9	A. In carrying out its responsibility to prescribe the qualifications and
10	provide for the certification of teachers under authority of R.S. 17:7(6), the
11	qualifications and requirements established by the State Board of Elementary and
12	Secondary Education for certification of any applicant for certification who
13	completes an approved teacher education program in Louisiana shall include but not
14	be limited to the following:
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16	(3)(a) That the applicant shall have achieved a 2.50 average on a 4.00 scale
17	at graduation from an approved program.
18	(b) An applicant who has passed all requisite examinations covering pre-
19	professional skills and content knowledge but who does not meet the requirement of
20	Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph may be certified if he completes a post-
21	baccalaureate program as provided in this Subparagraph.

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1	(i) Such an applicant for admission to a post-baccalaureate program may be
2	granted conditional admission following a satisfactory personal interview by the
3	program's admissions officer.
4	(ii) If the program awards credit hours, the applicant shall achieve a grade
5	point average of 3.00 or higher in post-baccalaureate program courses by the end of
6	his first twelve credit hours and successfully complete the program.
7	(iii) If the program does not award credit hours, the applicant shall
8	demonstrate mastery of competencies as required by the program administrator and
9	by the school system in which the applicant completes required clinical practice, and
10	satisfactorily completes all program requirements as set forth by the state board,
11	including any requirements for clinical practice, at graduation.
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13	Section 2. The state Department of Education shall develop and disseminate to all
14	post-baccalaureate programs, not later than August 1, 2019, an interview protocol and
15	guidance document to assist in assessing an applicant's readiness to successfully complete
16	the program.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____