

# ACT No. 707

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 546

BY REPRESENTATIVES MINCEY, BRASS, HARRIS, JEFFERSON, CHARLES OWEN,  
SCHLEGEL, ST. BLANC, AND TARVER

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:7(6)(b)(i)(aa) and to repeal R.S. 17:7.1(A)(7), relative to  
3 teacher preparation and certification; to revise requirements for entry into a teacher  
4 preparation program; to revise requirements for initial certification of school  
5 teachers; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 17:7(6)(b)(i)(aa) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §7. Duties, functions, and responsibilities of board

9 In addition to the authorities granted by R.S. 17:6 and any powers, duties, and  
10 responsibilities vested by any other applicable laws, the board shall:

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12 (6)

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14 (b)(i)(aa) A person applying for initial certification as a teacher in a public  
15 school shall have passed satisfactorily an examination, which shall include English  
16 ~~proficiency~~, pedagogical knowledge; and knowledge in his area of specialization as  
17 a prerequisite to the granting of such certificate. However, a person who is  
18 employed as a foreign language teacher in a Certified Foreign Language Immersion  
19 Program pursuant to R.S. 17:273.2, and who is not otherwise eligible to receive state  
20 authorization to teach through participation in the Foreign Associate Teacher  
21 Program, shall not be required to pass the examination required by this Subitem, but

1 shall at least have a baccalaureate degree and shall be subject to all provisions of  
2 state law relative to background checks and criminal history review applicable to the  
3 employment of public school personnel.

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5 Section 2. R.S. 17:7.1(A)(7) is hereby repealed in its entirety.

6 Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
7 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
8 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
9 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
10 effective on the day following such approval.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_