

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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New law provides that new law shall be known and may be cited as "The Louisiana Numeracy and Excellence (LANE) Act".

Certification

New law requires applicants for teacher certification to meet at least one of these requirements:

- (1) Complete the prescribed number of semester hours in the teaching of foundational numeracy as established in State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) rule.
- (2) Complete numeracy training appropriate to the certification area and approved by the state Dept. of Education (DOE).

New law further requires an applicant who is applying for initial certification to teach kindergarten through eighth grade to have completed either the prescribed number of semester hours in accordance with the new law requirement provided in (1) above or the professional development requirements provided in existing law and new law (see below under "Professional Development").

New law provides for new law implementation beginning on September 1, 2028.

Professional Development

Existing law requires professional development in numeracy instruction for fourth through eighth grade teachers. New law expands this requirement to apply also to kindergarten through third grade teachers.

Existing law and new law are subject to the allocation of funds by DOE. Prior law prohibited state or obligated funds from being used for implementation. New law allows state and federal funds to be used for implementation if numeracy-related expenditures are allowable under relevant funding guidelines.

Existing law provides that nothing in existing law shall be construed to extend the hours in the teacher's work day nor the hours worked in a year. New law further applies this provision to new law and additionally authorizes a public school governing authority to offer a stipend for completion of numeracy training outside of a teacher's normal work day or a combination of a stipend and job-embedded training time.

The above provisions of existing law, prior law, and new law relative to professional development are provided for in both new law (Act No. 353) and Act No. 366 of the 2025 R.S.

New law as provided in this Act additionally requires numeracy coaches for, at a minimum, kindergarten through third grade teachers; however, Act No. 366 provides that new law requiring numeracy coaches as provided in this Act shall not become effective.

Effective August 1, 2025.

(Amends R.S. 17:24.13(A)(2), (B)(2) and (3), and (C)–(E); Adds R.S. 17:8.1(A)(8) and 24.13(F))