

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 559

BY REPRESENTATIVE IVEY

STUDENT/STANDARDS: Provides for implementation of Louisiana-based standards and prohibits certain standards-based assessments

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:24.4(A)(4), (E), and (F)(1)(d), relative to education standards
3 and assessments; to provide with respect to statewide content standards; to prohibit
4 the implementation of Common Core State Standards; to prohibit the administration
5 of certain standards-based assessments; to remove the requirement that standards-
6 based assessments for certain subjects be based on nationally recognized content
7 standards; and to provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 17:24.4(A)(4), (E), and (F)(1)(d) are hereby amended and reenacted
10 to read as follows:

11 §24.4. Louisiana Competency-Based Education Program; statewide standards for
12 required subjects; Louisiana Educational Assessment Program; parish or city
13 school board comprehensive pupil progression plans; waivers

14 A. As used in this Section, the following words, terms, and phrases shall
15 have the meaning ascribed to them in this Subsection, except when the context
16 clearly indicates a different meaning:

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18 (4) "The statewide content standards for required subjects" are statements
19 that define what a student should know or be able to accomplish at the end of a
20 specific time period or grade level or at the completion of a course. Content

1 standards shall represent the knowledge and skills needed for students to successfully
2 transition to postsecondary education and the workplace, as determined by state and
3 local content experts, elementary and secondary educators and school leaders, and
4 postsecondary education leaders who reside in Louisiana, and business, ~~and~~ industry,
5 and community leaders whose principle place of business is domiciled in Louisiana.

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7 E.(1) The state Department of Education ~~shall~~, with the approval of the State
8 Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, ~~as part of the Louisiana~~
9 ~~Competency-Based Education Program~~, shall develop ~~and establish~~ statewide
10 content standards for required subjects to be taught in the public elementary and
11 secondary schools of this state. The statewide content standards for required subjects
12 shall be implemented by the state Department of Education as approved by the State
13 Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, with recommendations prior to
14 approval and advice from the educational personnel in the state's public schools, and
15 colleges and universities of this state, and community leaders applying principles,
16 values, and standards of the communities of this state.

17 (2) Neither the state Department of Education nor the State Board of
18 Elementary and Secondary Education shall implement the Common Core State
19 Standards for any subject. The department shall implement the state standards used
20 immediately prior to the adoption of the Common Core State Standards by the State
21 Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and shall make improvements to the
22 standards as may be necessary to ensure rigorous standards.

23 F.(1)

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25 ~~(d) Beginning with the 2014-2015 school year, standards-based assessments~~
26 ~~implemented by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education in English~~
27 ~~language arts and mathematics shall be based on nationally recognized content~~
28 ~~standards that represent the knowledge and skills needed for students to successfully~~
29 ~~transition to postsecondary education and the workplace. Rigorous student~~

