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HOUSE BILL NO. 373

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BY REPRESENTATIVE GEYMANN

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

STUDENT/STANDARDS: Provides for the implementation of state content standards for public school students subject to legislative approval

AN ACT

2	To amend and reenact R.S. 17:24.4(E), relative to state content standards; to provide for the
3	review, development, and implementation of state content standards; to require that
4	the standards be promulgated by rule in accordance with the Administrative
5	Procedure Act prior to implementation; and to provide for related matters.
6	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
7	Section 1. R.S. 17:24.4(E) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
8	§24.4. Louisiana Competency-Based Education Program; statewide standards for
9	required subjects; Louisiana Educational Assessment Program; parish or city
10	school board comprehensive pupil progression plans; waivers
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12	E.(1) The state Department of Education, with the approval of the State
13	Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, shall develop and establish statewide
14	state content standards for required subjects to be taught in the public elementary and
15	secondary schools of this state. State content standards for English language arts and
16	mathematics shall be reviewed and developed as provided in Paragraph (3) of this
17	Subsection.
18	(2) The statewide state content standards for required subjects shall be
19	implemented by the state Department of Education as approved by the State Board
20	of Elementary and Secondary Education, with recommendations prior to approval

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2	universities of this state.
3	(3) State content standards for English language arts and mathematics shall
4	be reviewed and developed as follows:
5	(a) Not later than July 1, 2015, the State Board of Elementary and Secondary
6	Education shall begin reviewing and developing state content standards in English
7	language arts and mathematics.
8	(b) The board shall hold at least one meeting for such purpose in each
9	Louisiana congressional district.
10	(c) The board shall submit the minutes from each meeting held pursuant to
11	this Paragraph to each member of the legislature not later than thirty days after the
12	meeting.
13	(d) All meetings held by the board for the review and development of the
14	standards shall be subject to the Open Meetings Law.
15	(e) The board shall post the standards on its website not later than February
16	21, 2016, and shall adopt the standards not later than March 4, 2016.
17	(f) The board shall promulgate the standards in accordance with the
18	Administrative Procedure Act prior to implementation of the standards.
19	(4) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president of the
20	Senate each shall appoint one member from his respective house to serve as a liaison
21	to attend the meetings held pursuant to Paragraph (3) of this Subsection. Each
22	liaison shall report to the speaker or the president, as applicable, on the status of the
23	review and development of the standards as provided in this Subsection.
24	(5) If, pursuant to R.S. 49:970, the governor suspends or vetoes the rules
25	promulgated by the board for the standards as required in Subparagraph (4)(f) of this
26	Subsection, the board shall undertake a review of the standards and make any
27	necessary revisions and shall commence without delay the process for the
28	promulgation of rules for the revised standards.

and advice from the educational personnel in the public schools and colleges and

1 (2) (6) The governing authority of each public elementary and secondary 2 school may develop and implement curriculum, content, and methodology for required subjects for the schools under its jurisdiction in lieu of the curriculum, 3 4 content, and methodology recommended by the state Department of Education or the 5 State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education. 6 7 Section 2. This Act shall take effect and become operative if and when the Act 8 which originated as Senate Bill No. 43 of this 2015 Regular Session of the Legislature is 9 enacted and becomes effective.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides for the review, development, and implementation of state content standards for public school students.

<u>Present law</u> requires the state Dept. of Education to develop, with the approval of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE), statewide content standards for required subjects for public elementary and secondary schools. Requires implementation of the standards by the department as approved by BESE, with recommendations prior to approval and advice from the educational personnel in the public schools and colleges and universities of this state.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires BESE to develop the standards instead of the department with BESE approval. Further provides relative to the review, development, and implementation of state content standards in English language arts and math as follows:

- (1) Requires BESE to begin reviewing and developing state content standards in English language arts and math by July 1, 2015.
- (2) Requires BESE to hold at least one meeting for the standards' review and development in each La. congressional district.
- (3) Requires BESE to submit the minutes from each meeting to each member of the legislature not later than 30 days after the meeting.
- (4) Provides that all such meetings are subject to the Open Meetings Law.
- (5) Requires BESE to post the standards on its website by Feb. 21, 2016, and to adopt the standards by March 4, 2016.
- (6) Requires BESE to promulgate the standards in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act prior to implementation.

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- (7) Requires the speaker of the House and the president of the Senate each to appoint one member to serve as a liaison to attend the meetings held pursuant to <u>proposed law</u> and requires each liaison to report on the status of the review and development of the standards.
- (8) Provides that if the governor suspends or vetoes the rules promulgated by BESE for the standards, the board shall undertake a review of the standards and make any necessary revisions and shall commence without delay the promulgation of rules for the revised standards.

<u>Proposed law</u> otherwise retains <u>present law</u>.

Provides that <u>proposed law</u> is effective if and when Senate Bill No. 43 of the 2015 R.S. (relative to the Admin. Procedure Act) becomes effective.

(Amends R.S. 17:24.4(E))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by <u>House Committee on Education</u> to the original bill:

- 1. Require BESE to develop the state content standards instead of the department with BESE approval.
- 2. Add provisions for the review, development, and implementation of state content standards in English language arts and math by BESE including requirements for meetings, rules, submission of minutes, and the posting and adoption of the standards. Also add requirement that the speaker of the House and the president of the Senate each to appoint a liaison to attend the meetings.
- 3. Add provisions relative to the suspension or veto of the standards by the governor.