

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 542

BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHRODER

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:24.4(F)(1)(a) and to enact R.S. 17:24.4(F)(2), relative to
3 standards-based assessments; to provide relative to requirements for contracts for
4 certain assessments; to provide for limitations with regard to the content of such
5 assessments; to provide for the responsibilities of the commissioner of administration
6 and the state chief procurement officer; to provide for time lines; to provide relative
7 to end-of-course assessments; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related
8 matters.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. R.S. 17:24.4(F)(1)(a) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.
11 17:24.4(F)(2) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

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

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16 F.(1)(a) The Department of Education shall ~~begin implementation of a~~
17 implement the Louisiana Educational Assessment Program with the approval of the
18 State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education.

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20 (2) For assessments to be administered during the 2015 - 2016 school year:

21 (a) The department shall enter into a one-year contract, in accordance with
22 the Louisiana Procurement Code, for the assessments to be used in grades three
23 through eight in English language arts and mathematics.

1 **(b) Not more than forty-nine and nine-tenths percent of the questions**
 2 **included in the selected assessments shall be based upon a blueprint or intellectual**
 3 **property developed by the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and**
 4 **Careers consortium, or any other federally funded consortium of states.**

5 **(c) No question included in the selected assessments shall be based upon a**
 6 **blueprint or intellectual property developed by a consortium of states predominantly**
 7 **funded by organizations primarily dedicated to political advocacy.**

8 **(d) The commissioner of administration shall ensure that any contractor is**
 9 **in full compliance with the provisions of this Paragraph.**

10 **(e) The commissioner of administration shall ensure that a copy of any**
 11 **subcontract entered into by the selected contractor shall be submitted to the division**
 12 **of administration within ten calendar days of finalization of the contract.**

13 **(f) The state chief procurement officer, in accordance with applicable state**
 14 **law, shall make a final determination regarding the department's request for**
 15 **proposals to solicit a vendor for the 2015-2016 assessments, not later than July 15,**
 16 **2015, provided all requirements of the Louisiana Procurement Code have been met.**

17 **(g) The state chief procurement officer, in accordance with applicable state**
 18 **law, shall make a final determination regarding the department's contract for the**
 19 **2015-2016 assessments, not later than October 15, 2015, provided all requirements**
 20 **of the Louisiana Procurement Code have been met.**

21 **(h) The questions included in the end-of-course assessments administered**
 22 **in grades nine through eleven shall be developed using the same methodology**
 23 **utilized for such assessments for the 2014-2015 school year.**

24 **(i) The provisions of this Paragraph shall become null and void on July 1,**
 25 **2016.**

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1 Section 2. This Act shall take effect and become operative if the Acts which
2 originated as House Bill No. 373 and as Senate Bill No. 43 of this 2015 Regular Session of
3 the Legislature are enacted and become effective.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____