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BY REPRESENTATIVE REYNOLDS

TEXTBOOKS/MATERIALS: Provides relative to the review of textbooks and other instructional materials by the state Dept. of Education

1 AN ACT 2 To amend and reenact 17:351.1(B)(1), relative to textbooks and other instructional 3 materials; to provide relative to the review of textbooks and other instructional 4 materials by the state Department of Education; to provide for a cycle during which 5 the department shall conduct reviews in certain subjects; to limit the number of 6 subjects in which the department shall conduct reviews in a given year; and to 7 provide for related matters. 8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana: 9 Section 1. R.S. 17:351.1(B)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows: 10 §351.1. Textbooks and other instructional materials; review; adoption; procurement; 11 distribution 12 13 B.(1)(a) The State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education shall 14 establish a transparent, digital process whereby the state Department of Education 15 shall review textbooks and other instructional materials in the core subject areas of 16 English language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies and determine the 17 degree to which each aligns with state content standards. The department may review 18 textbooks and instructional materials in other subject matter areas as it deems

necessary or upon request of a public school governing authority.

CODING: Words in struck through type are deletions from existing law; words <u>underscored</u> are additions.

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(b) The department may review textbooks and other instructional materials at such times as it deems necessary and appropriate but shall review textbooks and other instructional materials in the such core subject areas of English language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies at least every six years over the course of a six-year cycle, but the department shall not conduct reviews in more than one core subject area in a given year.

## **DIGEST**

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**Abstract:** Requires that the state Dept. of Education's reviews of textbooks in core subjects be conducted during a six-year cycle and prohibits the department from conducting reviews in more than one core subject in any given year.

<u>Present law</u> requires the state Dept. of Education (DOE) to conduct reviews of textbooks and other instructional materials in the core subjects of English language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies and to determine the degree to which each aligns with state content standards. Authorizes DOE to conduct reviews in other subject areas as it deems necessary or upon the request of a public school governing authority. <u>Proposed law</u> retains present law.

<u>Present law</u> requires DOE to conduct reviews in four core subjects at least every six years. <u>Proposed law</u> instead requires DOE to conduct these reviews over the course of a six-year cycle. Also prohibits DOE from reviewing textbooks in more than one core subject area in any given year.

(Amends R.S. 17:351.1(B)(1))