HOUSE BILL NO. 865
BY REPRESENTATIVE NELSON

CURRICULA: Provides relative to textbooks and instructional materials used in reading instruction.

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:24.10(A)(4), relative to literacy; to require public schools to ensure that certain textbooks and instructional materials are not used in reading instruction; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 17:24.10(A)(4) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§24.10. Early literacy instruction and assessment; parental notification; reporting

A. Each public school shall:

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(4)(a) Ensure, pursuant to R.S. 17:351.1, that all textbooks and instructional materials used to teach students to read are high-quality, fully aligned to state content standards, and based on literacy strategies that are scientifically researched with proven results in teaching phonological awareness, letter formation, phonics, decoding, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension.

(b) Ensure that no textbooks or instructional materials that employ the three-cueing system model of reading, visual memory as the primary basis for teaching word recognition, or the three-cueing system model of reading based on meaning, structure and syntax, and visual, which is also known as "MSV", are used in reading instruction.

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**DIGEST**

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**Abstract:** Provides that schools shall not use textbooks and materials for reading instruction that employ certain models and techniques.

**Present law** requires each public school to ensure that all textbooks and instructional materials used to teach students to read are high-quality, fully aligned to state content standards, and based on literacy strategies that are scientifically researched with proven results in teaching phonological awareness, letter formation, phonics, decoding, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension. **Proposed law** additionally requires schools to ensure that no textbooks or instructional materials that employ any of the following are used in reading instruction:

1. The three-cueing system model of reading.
2. Visual memory as the primary basis for teaching word recognition.
3. The three-cueing system model of reading based on meaning, structure and syntax, and visual, also known as "MSV".

(Amends R.S. 17:24.10(A)(4))

**Summary of Amendments Adopted by House**

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Education to the original bill:

1. Add a third method of reading instruction that schools shall not use to teach reading.

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