HIGHER EDUCATION: Provides relative to the requirements for admission into a
teacher education program

DIGEST

Present law provides conditions for entry into a teacher preparation program at a
postsecondary education institution, including meeting certain examination and grade point
average requirements. Proposed law removes the examination requirement and retains all
other entrance requirements provided in present law.

Present law provides prerequisites for teacher certification, including passing satisfactorily
an examination that includes English proficiency, pedagogical knowledge, and knowledge
in the specialization area. Proposed law removes the English proficiency component and
otherwise retains present law.

(Amends R.S. 17:7(6)(b)(i)(aa); repeals R.S. 17:7.1(A)(7))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Eliminate the English proficiency component of the exam required for teacher
certification.

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Add the standard aptitude test required for university admission as an alternative
examination option for certification purposes.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Education to the
reengrossed bill

1. Removes the standard aptitude test required for university admission as an
alternative examination option for certification purposes.