EDUCATION: Requires dyslexia education as a component of teacher education programs

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Specifies that teacher education program credit hours covering teaching students with dyslexia are required to be included in existing credit hour requirements.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Present law establishes certain requirements for a teacher education program to be approved by the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) for certification of graduates.

Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law requires that teacher education programs include at least three credit hours on teaching students with dyslexia within existing credit hour requirements and specifies content of such coursework. Requires the governing authority of each teacher education program to designate a faculty member to teach the specialized course work provided in proposed law. Requires the designated faculty member to receive specialized training to provide the instruction required by proposed law.

Proposed law applies to the 2024-2025 school year and thereafter.

(Amends R.S. 17:7.2(D); Adds R.S. 17:7.2(A)(7))