AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:11(A), relative to approval of nonpublic schools; to provide for teacher qualifications; to provide for the powers and duties of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 17:11(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§11. Approval of nonpublic schools by board

A.(1) The board shall adopt standards and guidelines which shall be applied in determining whether a nonpublic school applying for approval meets the requirements of a sustained curriculum or specialized course of study of quality at least equal to that prescribed for similar public schools.

(2) The board shall not adopt a standard or guideline that prohibits a nonpublic, parochial school or school board from hiring a teacher solely because the accreditation of the postsecondary education institution at which he completed his teacher education program is not a regional accreditation. Such a school or school board may hire a teacher who completed his teacher education program at a nationally accredited institution and who meets all other criteria provided in the standards and guidelines.

(3) The board shall appoint an advisory committee of nonpublic school representatives, who shall advise and counsel with the board relative to standards and guidelines affecting these schools. After initial approval the board shall periodically
determine whether the nonpublic school is maintaining such quality and if not, shall
discontinue approval of the school.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: ____________________

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