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HOUSE BILL NO. 136

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

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:7.2(D) and to enact R.S. 17:7.2(A)(7), relative to teacher
3 education programs; to require that such programs include dyslexia education; to
4 provide relative to the powers and duties of the State Board of Elementary and
5 Secondary Education; to provide for applicability; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 17:7.2(D) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 17:7.2(A)(7)
8 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §7.2. Approved teacher education programs

10 A. In carrying out its responsibility to prescribe the qualifications and
11 provide for the certification of teachers under authority of R.S. 17:7(6), the State
12 Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, subject to the constitutional power
13 and authority of the Board of Regents, the Board of Supervisors for the University
14 of Louisiana System, the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and
15 Agricultural and Mechanical College, and the Board of Supervisors of Southern
16 University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, shall establish qualifications
17 and requirements for the approval of teacher education programs from which
18 graduates may be certified. The qualifications and requirements established by the

1 State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education for an approved teacher
2 education program shall include but not be limited to the following:

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4 (7)(a) That the program include no less than three credit hours on teaching
5 students with dyslexia. The coursework shall include but need not be limited to the
6 following:

7 (i) An overview of the body of scientific work regarding dyslexia, including
8 the history, epidemiology, and clinical presentation, including early clinical
9 indicators of dyslexia and common, persistent classroom presentations.

10 (ii) An overview of evidence-based instruction for individuals with dyslexia
11 including remediation of weaknesses, fortification of strengths, and common
12 accommodations to help mediate between the two.

13 (iii) An introduction to the process of becoming a dyslexia practitioner or
14 dyslexia therapist, pursuant to R.S. 17:392.2.

15 (b) The specific content of the coursework required by this Paragraph is
16 subject to rules and regulations promulgated by the board in accordance with the
17 Administrative Procedure Act.

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19 D. Nothing in this Section shall be construed to prohibit the provision by the
20 board for certification by alternative means other than by completion of an approved
21 teacher education ~~program.~~ program; however, alternative means shall include at
22 least three credit hours on teaching students with dyslexia as provided in Paragraph
23 (A)(7) of this Section.

24 Section 2. The provisions of R.S. 17:7.2(A)(7) as enacted by this Act and the
25 provisions of R.S. 17:7.2(D) as amended by this Act shall apply to students who enter a
26 teacher education program during the 2024-2025 school year and thereafter.

DIGEST

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Marino

Abstract: Adds dyslexia education to list of qualifications and requirements for teacher education programs.

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 and specifies content of such coursework.

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))