

2023 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 46

BY SENATOR ABRAHAM

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT. Provides for review of textbooks and other instructional materials. (gov sig)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:351.1(C)(3)(d), relative to textbooks and other instructional materials; to
3 provide regarding the determination of the quality of textbooks and other
4 instructional materials; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 17:351.1(C)(3)(d) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §351.1. Textbooks and other instructional materials; review; adoption; procurement;
8 distribution

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11 (3) * * *

12 **(d) If the governing authority of a public elementary or secondary school**
13 **conducts a review of textbooks or other instructional materials approved by a**
14 **nationally recognized High Quality Instructional Materials organization, and**
15 **determines the textbooks or other instructional materials are of high quality,**
16 **the state Department of Education shall recognize the determination for all**
17 **purposes, including funding eligibility.**

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2 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
3 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
4 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
5 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
6 effective on the day following such approval.

The original instrument was prepared by Cheryl Serrett. The following digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared by Michael Bell.

DIGEST

SB 46 Engrossed

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Present law provides for roles and responsibilities of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE), the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE), and governing authority of local public school systems in the review, adoption, and procurement of textbooks and instructional materials. Further provides for the local public schools to review and adopt textbooks and instructional materials not reviewed by LDOE.

Proposed law provides that if a governing authority reviews textbooks or instructional materials, approved by a nationally recognized High Quality Instructional Materials organization, that have not been reviewed by LDOE and determines the textbooks or instructional materials are of high quality, the LDOE shall recognize the determination for all purposes, including funding eligibility.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 17:351.1(C)(3)(d))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

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

1. Require text books or instructional materials that are reviewed be approved by a nationally recognized High Quality Instructional Materials organization.