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AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:7.2(A)(4), relative to approved teacher education programs; to require 3 teacher education program students receive certain instruction on teaching 4 mathematics; and to provide for related matters. 5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana: 6 Section 1. R.S. 17:7.2(A)(4) is hereby enacted to read as follows: 7 §7.2. Approved teacher education programs 8 A. In carrying out its responsibility to prescribe the qualifications and 9 provide for the certification of teachers under authority of R.S. 17:7(6), the State 10 Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, subject to the constitutional power 11 and authority of the Board of Regents, the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System, the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and 12 13 Agricultural and Mechanical College, and the Board of Supervisors of Southern 14 University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, shall establish qualifications 15 and requirements for the approval of teacher education programs from which 16 graduates may be certified. The qualifications and requirements established by the 17 State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education for an approved teacher 18 education program shall include but not be limited to the following:

1 (4) That the program shall include instruction on foundational numeracy 2 skills that includes but need not be limited to the following: 3 (a) Effectively teaching foundational mathematics skills explicitly and 4 systematically. (b) Implementing effective mathematics instruction using high-quality 5 6 instructional materials. 7 (c) Providing effective instruction and interventions for students who have 8 difficulty with mathematics. 9 (d) Understanding and using student data to make instructional decisions. 10 11 Section 2. No later than December 31, 2023, the State Board of Elementary and 12 Secondary Education shall revise teacher certification requirements and the requirements of 13 teacher education programs to require instruction on foundational numeracy skills standards 14 for candidates seeking certification to teach students. SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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