

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 647

BY REPRESENTATIVE ROMERO

EDUCATION: Provides relative to student instruction requirements

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:419.4 and to enact R.S. 17:420(C) and (D), relative to student
3 instruction; to provide relative to the effectiveness of requirements for student
4 instruction; to require the state Department of Education to create a list of student
5 instructional requirements and report to the House Committee on Education and
6 Senate Committee on Education every five years; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 17:419.4 is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 17:420(C) and
9 (D) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §419.4. Required teacher training; and student instruction; effectiveness

11 A. No requirement that increases the uncompensated training burden on
12 professional teachers shall become effective. A requirement for additional teacher
13 training shall become effective only if provision is made for teachers to receive the
14 training at a time when they are being compensated and not participating in local
15 professional development activities or the burden of the requirement is offset by the
16 elimination of another training requirement, completion of which requires at least the
17 same amount of time as the additional requirement.

18 B. A requirement for additional student instruction shall become effective
19 only if the requirement is offset by the elimination of another instructional

1 requirement, completion of which requires at least the same amount of time as the
2 additional requirement.

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4 §420. Required teacher training database; ~~report~~ required student instruction list;
5 reports

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7 C. The state Department of Education shall maintain a list of each student
8 instruction requirement that is provided by law and that is not provided for in the
9 state content standards adopted by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary
10 Education or the Carnegie units established by the state Department of Education in
11 accordance with state board policy. The list shall include the following information
12 with respect to each required element of instruction:

- 13 (1) The provision of law establishing the requirement.
- 14 (2) The topic or subject matter of the instruction.
- 15 (3) Available resources for planning and delivering the instruction, including
16 links to such resources or materials, if applicable.
- 17 (4) The course or subject area in which teachers are required to provide the
18 instruction.
- 19 (5) The grade levels or other characteristics of students who are required to
20 receive the instruction.
- 21 (6) The amount of time required to provide the instruction each school year.

22 D. Every five years the department shall prepare and submit a report to the
23 House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education on this
24 instruction. The report shall include the following:

- 25 (1) A complete list of all required instruction, including a description of each
26 instruction and legal citations for the requirements.
- 27 (2) The approximate time, in hours, that providing each instruction requires
28 per school year.

- 1 (3) A list of specific recommendations for changes to the law regarding such
2 instruction, including specific recommendations regarding instructional requirements
3 that should be repealed, modified, or added.
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DIGEST

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HB 647 Engrossed

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Abstract: Provides relative to the effectiveness of student instructional requirements and requires the state Dept. of Education to maintain a list of such requirements.

Proposed law provides that a requirement for additional student instruction shall become effective only if the requirement is offset by the elimination of another instructional requirement, completion of which requires at least the same amount of time as the additional requirement.

Proposed law requires the state Dept. of Education (DOE) to maintain a list of student instruction required by law and not provided for in the state content standards adopted by the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) or the Carnegie units established by DOE in accordance with BESE policy. Specifies list content and requires a report to the House and Senate education committees every five years.

(Amends R.S. 17:419.4; Adds R.S. 17:420(C) and (D))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Education to the original bill:

1. Require DOE to maintain a list of instructional requirements rather than establishing and maintaining a database for this purpose.
2. Remove provision that effectiveness of requirements is contingent on BESE approval.