

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 647

BY REPRESENTATIVE ROMERO

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  
20 requirement, completion of which requires at least the same amount of time as the  
21 additional requirement.

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23 §420. Required teacher training database; ~~report~~ required student instruction list;  
24 reports

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26 C. The state Department of Education shall maintain a list of each student  
27 instruction requirement that is provided by law and that is not provided for in the  
28 state content standards adopted by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary

1           Education or the Carnegie units established by the state Department of Education in  
2           accordance with state board policy. The list shall include the following information  
3           with respect to each required element of instruction:

4                   (1) The provision of law establishing the requirement.

5                   (2) The topic or subject matter of the instruction.

6                   (3) Available resources for planning and delivering the instruction, including  
7           links to such resources or materials, if applicable.

8                   (4) The course or subject area in which teachers are required to provide the  
9           instruction.

10                  (5) The grade levels or other characteristics of students who are required to  
11           receive the instruction.

12                  (6) The amount of time required to provide the instruction each school year.

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

16                   (1) A complete list of all required instruction, including a description of each  
17           instruction and legal citations for the requirements.

18                   (2) The approximate time, in hours, that providing each instruction requires  
19           per school year.

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22           that should be repealed, modified, or added.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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