

ACT No. 650

HOUSE BILL NO. 267

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1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:24.10(A)(4)(a), (F), and (G) and to enact R.S. 17:24.10(H)
3 through (K), relative to public education in kindergarten through third grade; to
4 provide for annual numeracy assessment of certain students; to provide numeracy
5 support to certain students; to require numeracy improvement plans; to authorize
6 consolidation of certain academic plans for certain students; and to provide for
7 related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 17:24.10(A)(4)(a), (F), and (G) are hereby amended and reenacted
10 and R.S. 17:24.10(H) through (K) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 §24.10. Early literacy instruction and screening; foundational numeracy skills
12 instruction and screening; parental notification; reporting

13 A. Each public school shall:

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15 (4)(a) Ensure, pursuant to R.S. 17:351.1, that all textbooks and instructional
16 materials used to teach students to read are ~~high-quality~~, high-quality; fully aligned
17 to state content ~~standards~~, standards; and based on literacy strategies that are
18 scientifically researched with proven results in teaching phonological awareness,
19 letter formation, phonics, decoding, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension.

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CODING: Words in ~~struck through~~ type are deletions from existing law; words underscored are additions.

1 F. A student in ~~grades~~ kindergarten through ~~three~~ third grade, within thirty
2 days of being identified as having literacy skills that are below grade level based on
3 the results of the literacy screener, shall receive an individual reading improvement
4 plan. The plan shall be created by the teacher, principal, other pertinent school
5 personnel, and the parent or legal ~~guardian~~, guardian; shall describe the evidence-
6 based reading intervention services the student will ~~receive~~, receive; and shall give
7 suggestions for strategies parents can use at home.

8 G. Each public school shall:

9 (1) Provide each student in kindergarten through third grade age-appropriate
10 systematic foundational numeracy skills with instruction based on methods proven
11 to provide a strong numeracy foundation.

12 (2) Within the first thirty days of each school year, administer a numeracy
13 screener; in December, administer a numeracy development progress monitoring
14 tool; and in April, administer an end-of-grade numeracy assessment, all of which
15 shall be developed or selected and provided by the state Department of Education to
16 each student in kindergarten through third grade to measure each student's
17 development of foundational numeracy.

18 (3) Provide numeracy interventions and supports designed to improve the
19 foundational numeracy skills of any student identified as having numeracy skills
20 below grade level. The supports may include daily targeted small-group
21 interventions, web-based and other individual supports, before- and after-school
22 numeracy intervention provided by a teacher or tutor with specialized numeracy
23 training, at-home numeracy programs that include numeracy workshops for the
24 parents and legal guardians of students and web-based or parent-guided home
25 numeracy activities, and summer learning opportunities.

26 (4)(a) Ensure, pursuant to R.S. 17:351.1, that all textbooks and instructional
27 materials used to teach mathematics are high-quality; fully aligned to state content
28 standards; and based on numeracy strategies that are researched with proven results
29 in teaching counting strategies, fluency, magnitude comparison, and simple problem
30 solving.

1 H.(1) Within fifteen days of identifying that a student in kindergarten
2 through third grade has numeracy skills below grade level, based on the results of the
3 numeracy screener, progress monitoring tool, or end-of-grade numeracy assessment,
4 the school shall notify the student's parent or legal guardian in writing that the
5 student has been identified as having numeracy skills below grade level and shall
6 provide the student's parent with the following:

7 (a) Information regarding the importance of being proficient in certain
8 numeracy concepts by the end of the third grade.

9 (b) Activities that may be used at home to improve numeracy proficiency.

10 (c) Information regarding the specific interventions and supports that the
11 school will provide to improve the student's numeracy skills.

12 (2) Each school shall provide mid-year and end-of-the-year updates to the
13 parent or legal guardian of each student identified as having numeracy skills below
14 grade level detailing the student's progress in gaining numeracy skills and providing
15 the parent with additional tools to use at home to improve the student's numeracy
16 proficiency.

17 I. A student in kindergarten through third grade, within thirty days of being
18 identified as being below grade level in numeracy based on the results of the
19 numeracy screener, progress monitoring tool, or end-of-grade numeracy assessment,
20 shall receive an individual numeracy improvement plan. The plan shall be created
21 by the teacher, principal, other pertinent school personnel, and the parent or legal
22 guardian; shall describe the evidence-based intervention services the student will
23 receive; and shall give suggestions for strategies parents can use at home.

24 J. The following plans may be consolidated into a single plan for each
25 student, as applicable:

26 (1) Individual reading improvement plans as provided for in Subsection F
27 of this Section.

28 (2) Individual numeracy improvement plans as provided for in Subsection
29 I of this Section.

30 (3) Individual reading plans as provided for in R.S. 17:24.11.

1 (4) Plans for accelerated instruction as provided for in R.S. 17:100.13(H).

2 K. The State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education shall adopt rules
3 in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act to implement the provisions
4 of this Section.

5 Section 2. The provisions of this Act shall be implemented beginning no later than
6 the beginning of the 2026-2027 school year.

7 Section 3. The provisions of this Act shall become effective when an Act of the
8 Louisiana Legislature containing a specific appropriation of monies for the implementation
9 of the provisions of this Act becomes effective.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____