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HOUSE BILL NO. 613

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

STUDENT/ASSESSMENT: Requires the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education to develop and adopt rules and regulations providing for parental choice relative to state standardized testing for public school students

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:7(33), relative to the duties, functions, and responsibilities of the State
3 Board of Elementary and Secondary Education; to require the State Board of
4 Elementary and Secondary Education to develop and adopt rules and regulations
5 providing for parental choice relative to state standardized testing for students
6 enrolled in public schools; to require such rules and regulations to be in accordance
7 with certain state and federal laws, rules, and regulations; and to provide for related
8 matters.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. R.S. 17:7(33) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 §7. Duties, functions, and responsibilities of board

12 In addition to the authorities granted by R.S. 17:6 and any powers, duties, and
13 responsibilities vested by any other applicable laws, the board shall:

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15 (33) The board shall develop and adopt rules and regulations in accordance
16 with the Administrative Procedure Act providing for parental choice relative to state
17 standardized testing for students enrolled in public schools. Such rules and
18 regulations shall be in accordance with R.S. 17:10.1 and 24.4 and all other applicable
19 state and federal laws, rules, and regulations.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education to develop and adopt rules and regulations providing for parental choice relative to state standardized testing for public school students.

Present law provides generally for the duties, functions, and responsibilities of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) and requires BESE to provide for a school and district accountability system for schools and school districts based on student achievement and minimum standards for the approval of schools. Also provides for the La. Competency-Based Education Program, including the implementation of the La. Educational Assessment Program (LEAP), and requires certain tests to be administered to students at various grade levels and requires students to demonstrate proficiency in order to advance to specified grade levels.

Proposed law adds a requirement that BESE develop and adopt rules and regulations in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act providing for parental choice relative to state standardized testing for students enrolled in public schools. Further requires that such rules and regulations be in accordance with present law relative to the accountability system, the La. Competency-Based Education Program (including LEAP), and all other applicable state and federal laws, rules, and regulations.

(Adds R.S. 17:7(33))