
DIGEST

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HB No. 613

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))