Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 379

## BY REPRESENTATIVE GEYMANN

## STUDENT/STANDARDS: Permits local school boards to develop and implement curriculum standards in lieu of state content standards

1	AN ACT
2	To amend and reenact R.S. 17:24.4(E), relative to education standards; to permit local public
3	school boards to develop and implement curriculum standards for required subjects
4	instead of implementing state content standards; and to provide for related matters.
5	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
6	Section 1. R.S. 17:24.4(E) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
7	§24.4. Louisiana Competency-Based Education Program; statewide standards for
8	required subjects; Louisiana Educational Assessment Program; parish or city
9	school board comprehensive pupil progression plans; waivers
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11	E. $(1)$ The state Department of Education shall, with the approval of the State
12	Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, as part of the Louisiana
13	Competency-Based Education Program, shall develop and establish statewide
14	content standards for required subjects to be taught in the public elementary and
15	secondary schools of this state. The statewide content standards for required subjects
16	shall be implemented by the state Department of Education as approved by the State
17	Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, with recommendations prior to
18	approval and advice from the educational personnel in the public schools and
19	colleges and universities of this state.

CODING: Words in struck through type are deletions from existing law; words <u>underscored</u> are additions.

1	(2) A city, parish, or other local public school board is not required to
2	implement the state standards developed pursuant to Paragraph (1) of this Subsection
3	if it develops and implements, in all schools under its jurisdiction, curriculum
4	standards for required subjects that meet or exceed the rigor of the state standards.
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## DIGEST

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Abstract: Permits local school boards to develop and implement curriculum standards in lieu of state content standards.

<u>Present law</u> provides for the La. Competency-Based Education Program, including the development and implementation of statewide standards for required subjects and the La. Educational Assessment Program (LEAP). Requires the state Dept. of Education to develop, with the approval of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, statewide content standards for required subjects for public elementary and secondary schools. Requires implementation of the standards by the department, with recommendations prior to approval and advice from the educational personnel in the public schools and colleges and universities of this state.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> but provides that local public school boards are not required to implement the state standards if they develop and implement curriculum standards for required subjects that meet or exceed the rigor of the state standards.

(Amends R.S. 17:24.4(E))