
DIGEST

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HB No. 379

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

Present law 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.

Proposed law retains present law 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))