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HOUSE BILL NO. 953

BY REPRESENTATIVE LEGER

STUDENT/STANDARDS: Provides relative to statewide content standards for required subjects

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:24.4(A)(4) and (E), relative to statewide content standards for
3 required subjects; to provide relative to the definition and establishment of such
4 standards; to prohibit such standards from requiring the use of certain curricula,
5 textbooks, or other instructional materials and from requiring the collection or
6 reporting of student data; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 17:24.4(A)(4) and (E) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as
9 follows:

10 §24.4. Louisiana Competency-Based Education Program; statewide standards for
11 required subjects; Louisiana Educational Assessment Program; parish or city
12 school board comprehensive pupil progression plans; waivers

13 A. As used in this Section, the following words, terms, and phrases shall
14 have the meaning ascribed to them in this Subsection, except when the context
15 clearly indicates a different meaning:

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17 (4) "The statewide content standards for required subjects" are statements
18 that define what ~~a student~~ Louisiana public elementary and secondary students
19 should know or be able to accomplish at the end of a specific time period or grade
20 level or at the completion of a course. Content standards shall represent the

1 knowledge and skills needed for students to successfully transition to postsecondary
2 education and the workplace, as determined by content experts, elementary and
3 secondary educators and school leaders, postsecondary education leaders, and
4 business and industry leaders.

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6 E. The state Department of Education shall, with the approval of the State
7 Board of Elementary and Secondary Education; and as part of the Louisiana
8 Competency-Based Education Program, develop and establish statewide content
9 standards for required subjects to be taught in the public elementary and secondary
10 schools of this state. The statewide content standards for required subjects shall be
11 implemented by the state Department of Education as approved by the State Board
12 of Elementary and Secondary Education, with recommendations prior to approval
13 and advice from the educational personnel in the public schools and colleges and
14 universities of this state. Content standards shall be established in accordance with
15 Louisiana educational priorities as determined by the state board. Content standards
16 shall not require the use of federally or state-endorsed curricula, textbooks, or other
17 instructional materials and shall not require the collection or reporting of any student
18 data.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides relative to the definition and establishment of statewide content standards for required subjects and prohibits such standards from requiring the use of federally or state-endorsed curricula, textbooks, or other instructional materials and from requiring the collection or reporting of student data.

Present law provides for the La. Competency-Based Education Program, including the development and implementation of statewide content standards for required subjects and the La. Educational Assessment Program (LEAP) by the state Dept. of Education with approval of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE). Proposed law additionally requires that such standards be established in accordance with La. educational priorities as determined by BESE and prohibits such standards from requiring the use of

federally or state-endorsed curricula, textbooks, or other instructional materials and from requiring the collection or reporting of any student data.

Present law defines "statewide content standards for required subjects" as statements that define what a student should know or be able to accomplish at the end of a specific time period or grade level or at the completion of a course. Proposed law revises this definition to provide for what "La. public elementary and secondary students" rather than for what "a student" should know or be able to accomplish and otherwise retains present law.

(Amends R.S. 17:24.4(A)(4) and (E))