

Existing 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 (BESE), 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 state's public schools and colleges and universities.

New law adds authority for public school governing authorities to develop and implement curriculum, content, and methodology for required subjects for the schools under their jurisdiction in lieu of the curriculum, content, and methodology recommended by the state Dept. of Education or BESE.

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