

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 542

BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHRODER

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

STUDENT/ASSESSMENT: Provides relative to required state assessments including prohibiting implementation of Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) and similar assessments

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:24.4(F)(1)(a) and (d) and (3)(a) and (b)(ii), relative to  
3 standards-based assessments; to prohibit the implementation of certain standards-  
4 based assessments; to provide exceptions; to provide for parental approval relative  
5 to the administration of certain alternate assessments for certain students with  
6 disabilities; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 17:24.4(F)(1)(a) and (d) and (3)(a) and (b)(ii) are hereby amended  
9 and reenacted to read as 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

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14 F.(1)(a) The Department of Education shall ~~begin implementation of a~~  
15 implement the Louisiana Educational Assessment Program with the approval of the  
16 State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education.

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18 (d) ~~Beginning with the 2014-2015 school year, standards-based assessments~~  
19 ~~implemented by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education in English~~  
20 ~~language arts and mathematics shall be based on nationally recognized content~~  
21 ~~standards that represent the knowledge and skills needed for students to successfully~~

1       ~~transition to postsecondary education and the workplace. Rigorous student~~  
2       ~~achievement standards shall be set with reference to test scores of the same grade~~  
3       ~~levels nationally. Neither the state Department of Education nor the State Board of~~  
4       ~~Elementary and Secondary Education shall implement or administer any assessment~~  
5       ~~proposed or developed by the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College~~  
6       ~~and Careers, the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium, or any other national~~  
7       ~~group or consortium. This prohibition shall not apply to a college entrance~~  
8       ~~examination, a high school equivalency examination, or an industry-based~~  
9       ~~certification examination.~~

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11           (3)(a) In lieu of the standards-based assessments prescribed in  
12       ~~Subparagraphs~~ Subparagraph (1)(c) ~~and (d)~~ of this Subsection, an alternate  
13       assessment shall be provided for and administered, upon the approval of the student's  
14       parent or legal guardian, only to those students with disabilities who meet specific  
15       eligibility criteria developed by the state Department of Education and approved by  
16       the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education. A determination of  
17       whether any student meets the eligibility criteria established by the state Department  
18       of Education shall be made by the student's Individual Education Plan committee and  
19       shall be so noted on that student's Individual Education Plan. The alternate  
20       assessment developed pursuant to this Paragraph shall be administered on a schedule  
21       determined by the state Department of Education and approved by the State Board  
22       of Elementary and Secondary Education. The alternate assessment shall be part of  
23       the Louisiana Education Assessment Program otherwise provided for in this  
24       Subsection and the alternate assessment shall be used for information, accountability,  
25       compliance, and planning purposes as provided by the State Board of Elementary  
26       and Secondary Education.

(b)

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for certain students with persistent academic disabilities. Proposed law requires a parent's or guardian's approval of administration of an alternate assessment to a student.

(Amends R.S. 17:24.4(F)(1)(a) and (d) and (3)(a) and (b)(ii))