
DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides relative to access by parents and teachers to assessments administered in public schools.

Present law (R.S. 17:355) provides that a parent of a child attending a public elementary or secondary school is entitled to:

- (1) Review instructional materials used by or administered to the parent's child.
- (2) Review any survey before it is administered or distributed by a school to a student.

Proposed law adds provision that entitles a parent to review each assessment administered to the parent's child after the assessment is administered; otherwise retains present law.

Proposed law defines "assessment" as an assessment administered pursuant to present law, which requires measuring performance in relation to grade appropriate skills, state content standards, and national educational indices. "Assessment" also includes any other state, national, or international test or assessment.

Present law requires each local school board to adopt rules and policies for each school to make instructional materials available for review as provided in present law. Provides that the rules may specify reasonable hours for review and specifies that they require the school to provide copies to a parent upon request and establish reasonable fees therefor. Requires the school principal to ensure that the school complies with such rules. Proposed law adds that present law requirements also apply to assessments.

Present law (R.S. 17:24.4(F)) requires standards-based assessments for required subjects (English language arts, math, science, and social studies) to be implemented by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and administered in at least grades 3 through 11. Provides that such assessments be based on state content standards and rigorous student achievement standards comparable to national student achievement levels. Proposed law provides that public school teachers are entitled to review the assessment results for the students to whom they administer such assessments. Requires local public school boards to adopt rules and policies for each school to provide access to the student assessment results to a teacher, upon request, for each student to whom the teacher administers such assessment. Requires the school principal to ensure that the school complies with such rules. Otherwise retains present law.

(Amends R.S.:17:355(C) and (D); Adds R.S. 17:24.4(F)(5) and 355(B)(3))