
DIGEST

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HB 400 Engrossed

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Abstract: Requires that the state Dept. of Education's reviews of textbooks in core subjects be conducted in accordance with the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education's schedule of reviews of core state academic content standards.

Present law requires the state Dept. of Education (DOE) to conduct reviews of textbooks and other instructional materials in the core subjects of English language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies and to determine the degree to which each aligns with state content standards. Authorizes DOE to conduct reviews in other subject areas as it deems necessary or upon the request of a public school governing authority. Proposed law retains present law.

Present law requires DOE to conduct reviews in such core subjects at least every six years. Proposed law requires that DOE do this in accordance with the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education's schedule of reviews of core state academic content standards, prioritize reviews of textbooks used to teach state academic content standards recently reviewed and revised, and publish on its website a projected timeline of such prioritized reviews.

(Amends R.S. 17:351.1(B)(1))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Education to the original bill:

1. Restore present law provisions authorizing DOE to review textbooks at such times as it deems necessary and appropriate and requiring the review of textbooks in core subject areas at least every six years.

2. Add proposed law requirement that DOE conduct reviews in accordance with the state board's schedule of reviews of core state academic content standards, prioritize reviews of textbooks used to teach state academic content standards recently reviewed and revised, and publish a projected review timeline on its website.
3. Remove proposed law prohibition against DOE's textbook reviews in more than one core subject area in a given year and proposed law requirement that reviews in core subject areas be conducted over the course of a six-year cycle.