

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 566

BY REPRESENTATIVE REYNOLDS

TEXTBOOKS/MATERIALS: Provides relative to the review of textbooks and other instructional materials by the state Department of Education

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:351.1(B)(1), (3)(d)(ii), and (4)(d), relative to textbooks and  
3 other instructional materials; to provide relative to the review of textbooks and other  
4 instructional materials by the state Department of Education; to provide for technical  
5 changes; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 17:351.1(B)(1), (3)(d)(ii), and (4)(d) are hereby amended and  
8 reenacted to read as follows:

9 §351.1. Textbooks and other instructional materials; review; adoption; procurement;  
10 distribution

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12 B.(1)(a) The ~~State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education~~ state board  
13 shall establish a transparent, digital process whereby the state Department of  
14 Education shall review textbooks and other instructional materials in the core subject  
15 areas of English language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies and  
16 determine the degree to which each aligns with state content standards. The  
17 department may review textbooks and instructional materials in other subject matter  
18 areas as it deems necessary or upon request of a public school governing authority.

19 (b) The department may review textbooks and other instructional materials  
20 at such times as it deems necessary and appropriate but shall review textbooks and

1 other instructional materials in ~~the~~ these core subject areas of English language arts,  
2 mathematics, science, and social studies at least every six years.

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4 (3) The review process shall, at a minimum, provide for the following:

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6 (d)

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8 (ii) The opportunity for publishers and other content providers to submit  
9 comments in response to any ~~review committee~~ evaluation. Publishers and content  
10 providers shall be given the opportunity to review any evaluation prior to its posting  
11 online and shall be given at least ten business days to respond and make any  
12 correction to the content that they deem necessary.

13 \* \* \*

14 (4)

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16 (d) Nothing in this Section shall be construed as prohibiting a public school  
17 or school district from purchasing or otherwise acquiring textbooks and instructional  
18 materials that are not included in the list of reviewed textbooks and instructional  
19 materials prepared by the state Department of Education, provided as long as the use  
20 of such textbooks and instructional materials is not prohibited by the policies of the  
21 governing authority of such school or school district.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides for technical changes relative to the state Dept. of Education's review of textbooks in core areas.

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 provides for technical changes; otherwise retains present law.

(Amends R.S. 17:351.1(B)(1), (3)(d)(ii), and (4)(d))