

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 108 (SB 216)

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Requires each teacher who teaches kindergarten through third grade and each principal and assistant principal of a school that includes kindergarten through third grade to successfully complete a foundational literacy skills instruction course that is approved by the state Department of Education (DOE).

Requires, not later than December 1, 2021, the DOE to develop a list of approved professional development courses that are based on the science of reading, designed for the professional development of teachers, and include information on instructing students regarding phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension.

Requires teachers and administrators to successfully complete at least one of the approved professional development courses and provide documentation of the successful completion to their employing school. Further requires teachers and administrators who provide documentation of completion of an approved program within five years prior to 2023 shall be considered in compliance.

Requires newly hired teachers and administrators to document successful completion of an approved program to their employing school within two years of their date of employment.

Requires, beginning May 1, 2022, and annually thereafter, that each city, parish, or other local school board report to DOE the number and percentage of teachers and administrators who have, within the past five years, successfully completed an approved course. Further requires the data to be reported on DOE's school progress profiles.

Requires the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to adopt rules in accordance with the APA to implement new law.

Provides that new law is subject to the appropriation of funds.

Prior law provided for public charter schools and provided for requirements for those schools.

New law requires public charter schools to comply with new law.

New law provides that no state funds or obligated federal funds shall be used to implement new law.

Effective upon signature of the governor (June 4, 2021).

(Adds R.S. 17:24.10 and 3996(B)(59))