

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 455

BY REPRESENTATIVE MINCEY

SCHOOLS/NONPUBLIC: Provides relative to minimum qualifications of teachers at certain nonpublic schools

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:11(A), relative to approval of nonpublic schools; to provide
3 for teacher qualifications; to provide for the powers and duties of the State Board of
4 Elementary and Secondary Education; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 17:11(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §11. Approval of nonpublic schools by board

8 A.(1) The board shall adopt standards and guidelines which shall be applied
9 in determining whether a nonpublic school applying for approval meets the
10 requirements of a sustained curriculum or specialized course of study of quality at
11 least equal to that prescribed for similar public schools.

12 (2) The board shall not adopt a standard or guideline that prohibits a
13 nonpublic, parochial school or school board from hiring a teacher solely because the
14 accreditation of the postsecondary education institution at which he completed his
15 teacher education program is not a regional accreditation. Such a school or school
16 board may hire a teacher who completed his teacher education program at a
17 nationally accredited institution and who meets all other criteria provided in the
18 standards and guidelines.

19 (3) The board shall appoint an advisory committee of nonpublic school
20 representatives, who shall advise and counsel with the board relative to standards and

1 guidelines affecting these schools. After initial approval the board shall periodically
2 determine whether the nonpublic school is maintaining such quality and if not, shall
3 discontinue approval of the school.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides relative to the qualifications of teachers at certain nonpublic schools.

Present law requires the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) to adopt standards and guidelines for determining whether a nonpublic school that applies for approval meets the requirements of a sustained curriculum or specialized course of study of quality at least equal to that prescribed for similar public schools.

Proposed law prohibits BESE from adopting a standard or guideline that would prohibit a nonpublic, parochial school or school board from hiring a teacher solely because the accreditation of the postsecondary education institution at which he completed his teacher education program is not a regional accreditation.

(Amends R.S. 17:11(A))