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Abstract: Revises requirements for entrance into a teacher preparation program and for teacher certification.

Present law provides conditions for entry into a teacher preparation program at a postsecondary education institution, including meeting certain examination and grade point average requirements. Proposed law removes the examination requirement and retains all other entrance requirements provided in present law.

Present law provides prerequisites for teacher certification, including passing satisfactorily an examination that includes English proficiency, pedagogical knowledge, and knowledge in the specialization area. Proposed law removes the English proficiency component and adds the standard aptitude test required for admission into the university as an alternative examination option and otherwise retains present law.

(Amends R.S. 17:7(6)(b)(i)(aa); Repeals R.S. 17:7.1(A)(7))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Eliminate the English proficiency component of the exam required for teacher certification.

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Add the standard aptitude test required for university admission as an alternative examination option for certification purposes.