

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 214

BY REPRESENTATIVE NELSON

TEACHERS/CERTIFICATION: Requires passage of a reading instruction test as a condition of teacher certification in elementary education

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:7.1(G), relative to teacher certification; to provide with respect to
3 requirements for such certification; to provide for an effective date; and to provide
4 for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 17:7.1(G) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §7.1. Certification of teachers; certification of principals and superintendents;
8 certification of school psychologists

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10 G.(1) For initial elementary education teacher certification, a teacher
11 candidate shall pass a rigorous test of scientifically-researched, evidence-based
12 reading instruction and intervention, including data-based decisionmaking principles
13 related to reading instruction and intervention, as approved by the Department of
14 Education.

15 (2) For purposes of this Subsection, "elementary education" means grades
16 kindergarten through fifth.

17 Section 2. This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2024.

DIGEST

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HB 214 Reengrossed

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Nelson

Abstract: Requires a reading instruction test as a condition to certain teacher certifications.

Present law provides relative to certification of teachers by the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE).

Proposed law requires passage of a reading instruction and intervention test as a condition of becoming a certified teacher for kindergarten through the fifth grade.

Effective Jan. 1, 2024.

(Adds R.S. 17:7.1(G))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Remove sixth grade teachers from requirements of proposed law.
2. Change effectiveness date from Jan. 1, 2023, to Jan 1, 2024.