

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 455

BY REPRESENTATIVE MINCEY

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  
21 guidelines affecting these schools. After initial approval the board shall periodically

