

**ACT No. 448**

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 214

BY REPRESENTATIVE NELSON

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:7.1(A)(1), 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(A)(1) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

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

9 A. In carrying out its responsibility to prescribe the qualifications and provide  
10 for the certification of teachers under authority of R.S. 17:7(6), the qualifications and  
11 requirements established by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education  
12 for certification of any applicant for certification who completes an approved teacher  
13 education program in Louisiana shall include but not be limited to the following:

14 (1) That an applicant who is applying for initial certification to teach  
15 kindergarten through third grade shall, as part of the examination required pursuant  
16 to R.S. 17:7(6)(b), shall pass a rigorous test of scientifically-researched, evidence-  
17 based reading instruction and intervention, including data-based decisionmaking

1           principles related to reading instruction and intervention, as approved by the  
2           Department of Education.

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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