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## DIGEST

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HB 191 Engrossed

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Jefferson

**Abstract:** Provides relative to requirements for teacher certification.

Present law provides generally for the powers and duties of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE), including teacher certification.

Present law provides requirements that certification applicants must meet in their teacher preparation programs, one of which pertains to the teaching of reading, as follows:

- (1) Applicants who participate in a traditional undergraduate teacher preparation program must complete the prescribed number of semester hours in the teaching of reading as established in BESE policy in accordance with the level of certification to be awarded.
- (2) Applicants who participate in alternate teacher preparation programs have the option of either completing the same number of semester hours required for those in undergraduate programs or possessing the reading and literacy competencies identified in scientifically based reading research at the national level and approved by BESE for the teaching of reading. Proposed law also grants this option to those from traditional undergraduate teacher preparation programs.

Present law provides for the crediting of certain teaching experience with respect to the certification process. Provides that someone seeking a regular teacher certificate who holds an out-of-state certificate and has at least three years of out-of-state teaching experience shall not be credited with that experience in the issuance of any teaching credential until receipt of a successful evaluation according to BESE policy. Proposed law provides that these teachers as well as those who hold a certificate for teaching at a La. nonpublic school may be credited with their experience only if they have at least three years of experience and receive a successful evaluation according to BESE policy.

Proposed law adds that a teacher providing instruction in a public school but not employed by the public school governing authority may be credited with his years of teaching experience only if he is performing services for the school pursuant to a corporate contract with a company approved BESE to provide such services and he receives a successful evaluation according to BESE policy.

Proposed law further requires BESE to prescribe, by rule, the process for the evaluations required by such present law and proposed law.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 17:7.1(A)(4) and 3886(B))