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SB 46 Reengrossed

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Present law provides for roles and responsibilities of the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE), the state Dept. of Education (DOE), and public school governing authorities in the review, adoption, and procurement of textbooks and other instructional materials. Further provides for the local public schools to review and adopt textbooks and instructional materials not reviewed by DOE.

Proposed law requires that when a public school governing authority seeks recognition of textbooks or instructional materials by DOE, DOE shall report to the governing authority within six months relative to the materials' alignment with state content standards.

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

(Adds R.S. 17:351.1(C)(3)(d))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Education to the original bill

1. Require text books or instructional materials that are reviewed be approved by a nationally recognized High Quality Instructional Materials organization.

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Make technical amendment.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Remove proposed law requirement that if a nationally recognized High Quality Instructional Materials organization determines that textbooks or instructional materials are of high quality, DOE shall recognize the determination for all purposes, including funding eligibility.
2. Add requirement that DOE respond to a request for review of textbooks or other instructional materials with a report quantifying the extent to which the materials align with state content standards within six months.