

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 63 (HB 191)

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Jefferson

Existing law provides generally for the powers and duties of the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) regarding teacher certification and provides requirements for certification. Provides as follows with respect to the teaching of reading:

- (1) Requires an applicant for certification who participates in a traditional undergraduate teacher preparation program to complete the number of semester hours in the teaching of reading prescribed by BESE policy in accordance with the level of certification to be awarded.
- (2) An applicant for certification who participates in an alternate teacher preparation program may either complete the same number of semester hours required of applicants from traditional programs or possess the reading and literacy competencies identified in scientifically based reading research at the national level and approved by BESE for the teaching of reading.

New law provides that applicants who participate in traditional programs have the same options as applicants who participate in alternate programs.

Existing law provides for the crediting of certain teaching experience with respect to the certification process. Provides that an applicant for a regular teacher certificate who holds an out-of-state teaching certificate, who has at least three years of out-of-state teaching experience, and who receives a successful evaluation according to BESE policy may be credited with his out-of-state teaching experience. New law makes this provision applicable to an applicant with in-state, nonpublic school teaching certification and experience.

New 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 by BESE to provide such services and he receives a successful evaluation according to BESE policy.

New law further requires BESE to prescribe, by rule, the process for the evaluations required by such existing law and new law.

Effective upon signature of governor (June 6, 2023).

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