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HOUSE BILL NO. 45

BY REPRESENTATIVE MIKE JOHNSON

TEACHERS/CERTIFICATION: Provides relative to the certification of Montessori teachers

1	AN ACT
2	To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3403(A), relative to the certification of Montessori teachers;
3	to provide relative to the entities providing certification and accreditation of training
4	courses; and to provide for related matters.
5	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
6	Section 1. R.S. 17:3403(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
7	§3403. Minimum requirements for teacher certification; authorization for
8	supplemental compensation
9	A. Montessori teachers having the requirements set forth below in this
10	Subsection shall be certified by the appropriate Montessori organization as follows:
11	(1) A "Class A" "Class C" teacher shall have a certification from either the
12	American Montessori Society, the Association Montessori Internationale, the
13	St. Nicholas Training Course of London, the International Montessori Council, the
14	Southwestern Montessori Training Center, or the Montessori World Education
15	Educational Institute, or any other Montessori training course from a program
16	accredited by the Montessori Accreditation Council for Teacher Education or jointly
17	approved by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and the
18	Louisiana Montessori Association ,

1	(2) A "Class B" teacher shall meet the certification requirements of
2	Paragraph (1) of this Subsection plus have a baccalaureate degree and at least one
3	year of teaching experience in a Montessori school.
4	(2) (3) A "Class B" "Class A" teacher shall meet the certification
5	qualifications of Paragraph (2) of this Subsection have a certification from either the
6	American Montessori Society, the Association Montessori Internationale, the
7	St. Nicholas Training Course of London, or the Montessori World Education
8	Institute, or any other Montessori training course jointly approved by the State Board
9	of Elementary and Secondary Education and the Louisiana Montessori Association;
10	plus at least one year of teaching experience in a Montessori school have a
11	baccalaureate degree.
12	(3) A "Class C" teacher shall have a certification from either the American
13	Montessori Society, the Association Montessori Internationale, the St. Nicholas
14	Training Course of London, or the Montessori World Education jointly approved by
15	the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and the Louisiana
16	Montessori Association.
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DIGEST

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Abstract: Expands the entities associated with the certification of Montessori teachers.

Present law provides for entities granting certain classes of certification to Montessori teachers based on the teachers' qualifications. Proposed law retains the certification classes and associated qualifications and adds the International Montessori Council and the Southwestern Montessori Training Center to these entities.

Present law, as an alternative to certification from these specified entities, provides for certification from any Montessori training course jointly approved by the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education and the La. Montessori Assoc. Proposed law additionally provides for certification from any Montessori training course from a program accredited by the Montessori Accreditation Council for Teacher Education.

(Amends R.S. 17:3403(A))