

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

**ACT 247 (HB 8)**

**2024 Regular Session**

**Melerine**

Existing law requires the state Dept. of Education (DOE) to implement the La. Educational Assessment Program (LEAP) with the approval of the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE). Requires that BESE implement standards-based assessments and establish by rule the adequate test score to determine successful performance on each test.

New law prohibits BESE and DOE from approving or implementing an appeals process allowing a student who has not met the achievement level required to pass the LEAP end-of-course assessments required for high school graduation to become eligible for graduation through the submission of a portfolio.

New law further provides that new law does not affect students pursuing graduation eligibility pursuant to existing law (Act No. 833 of the 2014 R.S., known as the "April Dunn Act"), which provides alternative pathways for graduation for certain special education students.

Effective August 1, 2024.

(Adds R.S. 17:24.4(F)(1)(g))