

ACT No. 281

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HOUSE BILL NO. 28

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1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:8.8(E), relative to teacher certification; to provide relative to
3 the appeals process for applicants who have been denied certification; to authorize
4 the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to override a decision of the
5 Teacher Certification Appeals Council under certain circumstances; to authorize the
6 state board to delegate this authority to the board president; to authorize the state
7 board to call a special meeting for these purposes; to require the state board or board
8 president to render a decision within a certain time period; to provide for
9 applicability; and to provide for related matters.

10 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

11 Section 1. R.S. 17:8.8(E) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

12 §8.8. Certification appeals; appeals council; membership; duties; reporting;
13 exceptions

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15 E.(1) The council shall evaluate the appeals of persons seeking Louisiana
16 certification, including a review of the documents and transcripts of appellants, and
17 shall submit a written report of its findings to the board. A decision of the council
18 shall be a final decision except as provided in Paragraph (2) of this Subsection.

19 (2)(a) The State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education may
20 override the council's denial of an appellant's appeal if the denial was based on
21 circumstances beyond the appellant's control as determined by the state board;

