
DIGEST

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HB No. 160

Abstract: Delays implementation of certain requirements of the teacher evaluation program until the 2013-2014 school year and provides that such implementation is contingent upon the approval by the House and Senate education committees of the value-added assessment model to be used in the evaluations.

Present law requires annual evaluations by local public school boards of all teachers and administrators in accordance with State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) rules and regulations. Provides that the elements of evaluation and standards for effectiveness shall be defined by BESE and further provides that by the 2012-2013 school year, 50% of each evaluation shall be based on evidence of growth in student achievement using a value-added assessment model as determined by BESE. Requires BESE to submit a written report to the House and Senate education committees prior to the 2011 R.S. and 2012 R.S. on the development of the value-added assessment model. Authorizes the committees to meet separately or jointly and provides that the committees may disapprove the assessment model upon the majority vote of each committee if they determine that the methodology is arbitrary or not evidence-based. Requires BESE, beginning in 2013, annually to submit a written report to the House and Senate education committees regarding the implementation, results, and effectiveness of the value-added assessment model.

Proposed law retains present law except provides for implementation of the 50% requirement for the 2013-2014 school year and thereafter instead of by the 2012-2013 school year and provides that implementation shall occur only if the assessment model is approved by the House and Senate education committees. Changes the initial annual reporting date for BESE from 2013 to 2014. Adds that for the 2012-2013 school year and for each year that the implementation of the 50% requirement does not occur due to lack of legislative approval, the local board shall continue to conduct evaluations and collect all related data and documentation. Provides that for such years, no teacher or administrator shall be given a performance rating, and no action shall be taken against the teacher or administrator as a result of such an evaluation.

Effective July 1, 2013.

(Amends R.S. 17:3883(A)(8) and 3902(B)(5))