

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 845

BY REPRESENTATIVE REYNOLDS

CURRICULA: Requires the state Dept. of Education to develop curriculum guides for all public schools

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:24.4(E), relative to education standards and curriculum; to  
3 require the state Department of Education to develop curriculum guides for use by  
4 all local public schools; to require that such guides contain certain minimum  
5 components; to provide an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 17:24.4(E) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §24.4. Louisiana Competency-Based Education Program; statewide standards for  
9 required subjects; Louisiana Educational Assessment Program; parish or city  
10 school board comprehensive pupil progression plans; waivers

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12 E.(1) The state Department of Education ~~shall~~, with the approval of the State  
13 Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, ~~as part of the Louisiana~~  
14 ~~Competency-Based Education Program~~, shall develop and ~~establish~~ statewide  
15 content standards for required subjects to be taught in the public elementary and  
16 secondary schools of this state. The statewide content standards for required subjects  
17 shall be implemented by the state Department of Education as approved by the State  
18 Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, with recommendations prior to  
19 approval and advice from the educational personnel in the public schools and  
20 colleges and universities of this state.

1           (2) The state Department of Education, with the approval of the State Board  
2           of Elementary and Secondary Education, shall develop statewide curriculum guides  
3           for required subjects for use by each city, parish, and other local public school  
4           beginning with the 2014-2015 school year. Such curriculum guides shall contain,  
5           at a minimum, grade appropriate skills and competencies, suggested activities,  
6           suggested materials of instruction, unit plans, and scope and sequences.

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8           Section 2. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2014; if vetoed by the governor  
9 and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on July 1,  
10 2014, or on the day following such approval by the legislature, whichever is later.

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#### DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Requires the state Dept. of Education to develop curriculum guides for required subjects for use by all public schools (including charter schools) and specifies minimum components to be contained in such guides.

Present law provides for the La. Competency-Based Education Program, including the development and implementation of statewide standards for required subjects and the La. Educational Assessment Program (LEAP). Requires the state Dept. of Education to develop, with the approval of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE), statewide content standards for required subjects for public elementary and secondary schools. Requires implementation of the standards by the department, with recommendations prior to approval and advice from the educational personnel in the public schools and colleges and universities of this state.

Proposed law retains present law and additionally requires the department, with BESE approval, to develop statewide curriculum guides for required subjects for use by all local public schools beginning with the 2014-2015 school year. Requires that the curriculum guides contain, at a minimum, grade appropriate skills and competencies, suggested activities, suggested materials of instruction, unit plans, and scope and sequences.

Effective July 1, 2014.

(Amends R.S. 17:24.4(E))