

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE BILL NO. 405

BY SENATOR WALSWORTH

EDUCATION ACCOUNTABILITY. Provides relative to the La. Competency-Based Education Program. (8/1/14)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:24.4(F)(1)(a), relative to the Louisiana Competency-Based  
3 Education Program; to provide for the Louisiana Education Assessment Program;  
4 to require that assessments are aligned with state content standards; to provide for  
5 review of the assessments; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 17:24.4(F)(1)(a) 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  
10 or city school board comprehensive pupil progression plans; waivers

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12 F.(1)(a) The Department of Education shall begin implementation of a  
13 Louisiana Educational Assessment Program with the approval of the State Board of  
14 Elementary and Secondary Education. **The board shall ensure that any new**  
15 **assessments used in such program are aligned with approved state content**  
16 **standards and have been reviewed by education stakeholders in Louisiana,**  
17 **including but not limited to educators, principals, and superintendents.**

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Alan Miller.

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DIGEST

Walsworth (SB 405)

Present law requires the Department of Education (DOE) to begin implementation of a Louisiana Educational Assessment Program (LEAP) with the approval of BESE.

Proposed law retains present law and further requires BESE to ensure that any new assessments used in LEAP are aligned with approved state content standards and have been reviewed by education stakeholders in Louisiana, including but not limited to educators, principals, and superintendents.

Effective August 1, 2014.

(Amends R.S. 17:24.4(F)(1)(a))