
DIGEST

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HB No. 845

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.

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