

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 415

BY REPRESENTATIVE HOFFMANN

TEACHERS/EVALUATION: Requires the convening of a subcommittee of the Accountability Commission to make recommendations relative to the evaluation of teachers and administrators

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3883(A)(6), relative to the evaluation of teachers and
3 administrators; to require the appointment and convening of an advisory
4 subcommittee to make specific recommendations relative to such evaluations; to
5 provide a time line for the convening of the subcommittee and for the submission
6 of recommendations; to provide relative to the membership of the subcommittee; and
7 to provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 17:3883(A)(6) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

10 §3883. State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education; powers and duties

11 A. The board shall:

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13 (6)(a) Require the ~~state superintendent of education to appoint and convene~~
14 ~~an Educator Evaluation Advisory Committee~~ Accountability Commission
15 established by the board to convene an advisory subcommittee of the commission to
16 report on and make recommendations to the board regarding the overall effectiveness
17 of the evaluation program, including but not limited to any recommendations for
18 changes to board policy or state law with respect to the development of a value-
19 added assessment model as determined by the board pursuant to R.S. 17:3902(B)(5),
20 ~~the identification of~~ measures of student growth for grades and subjects for which
21 value-added data is ~~are~~ not available and for personnel for whom value-added data

1 is ~~are~~ not available as established by the board pursuant to R.S. 17:3902(B)(5), and
2 ~~the adoption of~~ elements of evaluation and standards of ~~for~~ effectiveness as defined
3 ~~by the board pursuant to R.S. 17:3902(B)(introductory paragraph). The membership~~
4 ~~of the advisory committee shall be approved by the board, and at least fifty percent~~
5 ~~of the membership shall be comprised of practicing classroom educators. The~~
6 ~~advisory committee shall include but not be limited to at least two parents of public~~
7 ~~school students and the following groups or organizations as follows: The~~
8 subcommittee shall have the following members:

9 (i) One member of the Louisiana House of Representatives appointed by the
10 ~~Associated Professional Educators~~ speaker of Louisiana ~~the House.~~

11 (ii) One member of the Louisiana Senate appointed by the ~~Louisiana~~
12 ~~Association~~ president of Educators ~~the Senate.~~

13 (iii) ~~One member appointed by the Louisiana Federation of Teachers. At~~
14 least six members who are public school teachers. The speaker of the Louisiana
15 House of Representatives and the president of the Louisiana Senate shall each
16 appoint three teachers and shall collaborate in making their appointments to ensure
17 that the following requirements are met:

18 (aa) Two of the teachers shall teach students in grades three, four, or five;
19 two shall teach students in grades six, seven, or eight; and two shall teach students
20 in grades nine, ten, eleven, or twelve.

21 (bb) All of the teachers shall teach subjects for which value-added data are
22 available.

23 (cc) One teacher shall be appointed from each congressional district of the
24 state.

25 (iv) ~~One member appointed by the Louisiana Association of School~~
26 ~~Superintendents~~ Up to four additional members from the membership of the
27 Accountability Commission who shall be appointed by the chair of the commission.

28 (v) ~~One member appointed by the Louisiana Association of Principals.~~

29 (vi) ~~One member appointed by the Louisiana Association of Public Charter~~
30 ~~Schools.~~

Proposed law requires BESE to require the Accountability Commission, which was established by BESE, to convene an advisory subcommittee of the commission for the purpose of reporting on and making recommendations relative to such program.

Recommendations and reports

Present law requires the EEAC to make recommendations to BESE and the House and Senate education committees by April 30, 2012, regarding the development of a value-added assessment model (commonly known as VAM), the identification of measures of student growth for grades and subjects for which value-added data were not available and for personnel for which value-added data were not available, and the adoption of standards of effectiveness.

Proposed law requires the Accountability Commission subcommittee to report on and make recommendations regarding the overall effectiveness of the evaluation program, including but not limited to any recommendations for changes to BESE policy or present law relative to VAM, growth measures, elements of evaluation, and standards. Requires the subcommittee to hold its first meeting by Sept. 30, 2014, and to submit its initial report by not later than 60 days prior to the 2015 R.S. Requires a subsequent report by not later than 60 days prior to the 2016 R.S.

Membership

Present law requires the following membership for the EEAC: at least 50% practicing classroom educators; at least two parents of public school students; two members of each legislative education committee appointed by the respective chairmen; one member appointed by each BESE member; and one member appointed by the Associated Professional Educators of La., La. Assoc. of Educators, La. Federation of Teachers, La. Assoc. of School Superintendents, La. Assoc. of Principals, and La. Assoc. of Public Charter Schools.

Proposed law requires the Accountability Commission subcommittee to have the following members:

- (1) One member of the La. House of Representatives appointed by the House speaker.
- (2) One member of the La. Senate appointed by the Senate president.
- (3) At least six members who are public school teachers; requires the House speaker and Senate president to each appoint three teachers and collaborate to ensure that the following requirements are met:
 - (a) Two shall teach grades three, four, or five; two shall teach grades six, seven, or eight; and two shall teach grades nine, 10, 11, or 12.
 - (b) All shall teach subjects for which value-added data are available.
 - (c) One shall be appointed from each congressional district of the state.
- (4) Up to four additional members from the membership of the Accountability Commission who shall be appointed by the commission's chair.

Compensation

Present law provides for the EEAC members to serve without compensation. Proposed law provides for the Accountability Commission subcommittee members to serve without compensation.

(Amends R.S. 17:3883(A)(6))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Education to the original bill.

1. Instead of requiring the convening of an Educator Evaluation Advisory Committee for proposed law purposes, requires the convening of a subcommittee of the Accountability Commission established by BESE for such purposes.
2. Revises membership.