
DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides relative to the review of state content standards for public school students. Specifies the process for reviewing the English language arts and math standards beginning in June of 2015. Provides for a standards review committee and provides for committee membership. Requires the department annually to convene the standards review committee beginning in 2018 to receive a report on the status of the standards implementation.

Present law 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 as approved by BESE, with recommendations prior to approval and advice from the educational personnel in the public schools and colleges and universities of this state. Proposed law adds that the department shall review the standards at least every seven years. Provides for a review process and specifies that the English language arts and math standards shall be reviewed beginning in June of 2015. Provides that the process shall include a standards review committee and provides for committee membership including educators and administrators from local public schools and school systems and postsecondary education, parents of public school students, and representatives from charter schools and business and industry. Requires the department annually to convene the standards review committee beginning in 2018 to receive a report on the status of the standards implementation. Provides that all meetings of the standards review committee and any subcommittees thereof shall be subject to the Open Meetings Law. Provides for definitions. Otherwise retains present law.

(Amends R.S. 17:24.4(A)(4) and (E)(1))