
DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires that the state Dept. of Education's reviews of textbooks in core subjects be conducted during a six-year cycle and prohibits the department from conducting reviews in more than one core subject in any given year.

Present law requires the state Dept. of Education (DOE) to conduct reviews of textbooks and other instructional materials in the core subjects of English language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies and to determine the degree to which each aligns with state content standards. Authorizes DOE to conduct reviews in other subject areas as it deems necessary or upon the request of a public school governing authority. Proposed law retains present law.

Present law requires DOE to conduct reviews in four core subjects at least every six years. Proposed law instead requires DOE to conduct these reviews over the course of a six-year cycle. Also prohibits DOE from reviewing textbooks in more than one core subject area in any given year.

(Amends R.S. 17:351.1(B)(1))