

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 542

BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHRODER

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

STUDENT/ASSESSMENT: Provides relative to contracts by the state Dept. of Education for English language arts and math assessments for the 2015-2016 school year

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:24.4(F)(1)(a) and to enact R.S. 17:24.4(F)(2), relative to
3 standards-based assessments; to provide relative to requirements for contracts for
4 certain assessments; to provide for limitations with regard to the content of such
5 assessments; to provide for effectiveness 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 and R.S.
8 17:24.4(F)(2) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §24.4. Louisiana Competency-Based Education Program; statewide standards for
10 required subjects; Louisiana Educational Assessment Program; parish or city
11 school board comprehensive pupil progression plans; waivers

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13 F.(1)(a) The Department of Education shall ~~begin implementation of a~~
14 implement the Louisiana Educational Assessment Program with the approval of the
15 State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education.

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17 (2)(a) The state Department of Education shall not contract with the
18 Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers consortium for
19 assessments administered pursuant to this Section during the 2015-2016 school year.

Provides that proposed law is effective if and when House Bill No. 373 and Senate Bill No. 43 of the 2015 R.S. become effective.

(Amends R.S. 17:24.4(F)(1)(a); Adds R.S. 17:24.4(F)(2))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Education to the original bill:

1. Prohibit the state Dept. of Education from contracting with the PARCC consortium for assessments for the 2015-2016 school year and require the department to contract with another vendor, in accordance with the La. Procurement Code, for assessments for grades three through 10 in English language arts and math for the 2015-2016 school year.
2. Limit the number of assessment questions that can be based on the blueprint developed through the PARCC process or processes conducted by a federally funded consortium of states.
3. Delete proposed law prohibition on implementation of PARCC and Smarter Balanced and other similar assessments. Retain present law requiring that assessments be based on nationally recognized content standards and requiring that student achievement standards be based on national test scores.
4. Delete proposed law requirement for a parent's or guardian's approval of administration of an alternate assessment to a student with disabilities.
5. Make proposed law effective if and when House Bill No. 373 and Senate Bill No. 43 of the 2015 R.S. become effective.