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HOUSE BILL NO. 730

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ELEMENTARY EDUCATION: Requires students to have the same two teachers throughout K-4

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:174.1, relative to public elementary education; to provide teacher
3 requirements for kindergarten through fourth grade classes; and to provide for related
4 matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 17:174.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §174.1. Kindergarten through fourth grade; teacher requirements

8 A. At a minimum, two teachers shall be assigned to every kindergarten
9 through fourth grade class, at least one of whom shall be qualified and designated to
10 teach math and science and at least one of whom shall be qualified and designated
11 to teach English language arts. The pair of teachers assigned to each such class shall
12 remain assigned to the group of students in that class as the students progress from
13 kindergarten through fourth grades in successive years, after which the teachers shall
14 be assigned to another kindergarten class.

15 B. The superintendent of education, based upon regulations adopted by the
16 State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, may waive the requirements
17 of Subsection A of this Section but only with regards to specific cases where the
18 need for the waiver has been demonstrated.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires team teaching for grades K-4.

Proposed law requires at least two teachers for each class from kindergarten through 4th grades: at least one qualified to teach math and science and one qualified to teach English language arts. Provides that the same two teachers stay with the same group of students from kindergarten through 4th grade and then be assigned to another kindergarten class.

Authorizes waivers based on rules promulgated by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education.

(Adds R.S. 17:174.1)