

Regular Session, 2012

SENATE BILL NO. 494

BY SENATOR APPEL

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT. Requires the Dept. of Education to assist local public school systems in developing methods for selecting certain teachers. (8/1/12)

1 AN ACT
2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:24.2, relative to elementary and secondary education; to
3 provide with respect to school improvement; to provide for technical assistance to
4 local public school systems; to provide relative to selection of certain teachers; and
5 to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 17:24.2 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §24.2. Department of Education; teacher selection; technical assistance

9 The department, in connection with its program of educational accountability
10 or otherwise, and consistent with the powers and duties of the superintendent as
11 provided by R.S. 17:22, shall establish a program of technical assistance for ~~parish~~
12 ~~and municipal school systems~~ **local public school systems** to provide them with
13 information and assistance in developing methods for the selection of **highly**
14 **effective** teachers. The purpose of the program shall be to assist local school
15 systems to develop standardized procedures and techniques to be used in screening
16 applicants for teaching positions in order to assure employment of the best qualified
17 teachers available. The program shall include, but not be limited to, information and

1 instruction to local school personnel in the use of techniques to achieve this purpose,
2 including but not limited to, interviews, review of resumes, testing of ability to teach
3 and communicate and knowledge of the subject matter and any other methods found
4 effective in achieving the purpose of the program.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Nancy Vicknair.

DIGEST

Present law requires the Dept. of Education (department), in conjunction with its educational accountability program, to establish a program of technical assistance for parish and municipal school systems in order to provide information and assistance in developing methods for selecting teachers.

Proposed law requires the department, in conjunction with its educational accountability program, to establish a program of technical assistance for local public school systems in order to provide them with information and assistance in developing methods for selecting highly effective teachers.

Present law provides that the purpose of the program shall be to assist local school systems in the development of screening procedures and techniques for individuals applying for teacher positions. Requires the program to include, but not be limited to, information and instruction to local school personnel in the use of such techniques.

Proposed law retains present law.

Effective August 1, 2012.

(Amends R.S. 17:24.2)