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HOUSE BILL NO. 425

BY REPRESENTATIVE HOFFMANN

TEACHERS/CERTIFICATION: Provides relative to the certification of principals and authorizes certain fees related to certification of the teachers, principals, and other educators

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:7.1(B)(3)(introductory paragraph) and (C), relative to teacher
3 certification; to provide relative to the employment experience necessary for certain
4 principals to be exempt from certain testing requirements relative to certification; to
5 authorize the state Department of Education to establish and collect fees for certain
6 certification services; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 17:7.1(B)(3)(introductory paragraph) and (C) are hereby amended
9 and reenacted to read as follows:

10 §7.1. Certification of teachers; certification of principals and superintendents;
11 certification of school psychologists

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13 B.

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15 (3) Any principal who holds valid out-of-state certification as a principal, has
16 at least four years of successful experience as a principal in another state as
17 determined by the board, and has completed one year of successful employment as
18 an assistant principal or a principal in a Louisiana public school system shall not be
19 required to take the examination administered in accordance with the provisions of

1 this Subsection or to submit any examination scores from any examination
2 previously taken in another state as a prerequisite to the granting of certification in
3 Louisiana provided that all of the following conditions are met:

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5 C.(1) The State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education may adopt
6 such rules as are necessary for the orderly implementation of this Section and may
7 make further provisions with regard to qualifications and requirements not
8 inconsistent with this Section.

9 (2)(a) In accordance with Article VII, Section 2.1(A) of the Constitution of
10 Louisiana and in addition to any other authority provided by this Section, the state
11 Department of Education, subject to the approval of the State Board of Elementary
12 and Secondary Education, may establish and collect fees related to the provision of
13 certification services, including but not limited to the following:

14 (i) Seventy-five dollars for initial teaching certificates, ancillary certificates,
15 and vocational-technical certificates.

16 (ii) Thirty-seven dollars and fifty cents for ancillary add-on certificates,
17 vocational-technical additions, additional ancillary certificates, additional
18 certification endorsements or transactions, and appeal evaluations.

19 (iii) Fifteen dollars for duplicate certificates.

20 (b) The State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education may adjust such
21 fees at a rate not to exceed five percent annually; however, the board shall not make
22 such an adjustment prior to July 1, 2011.

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DIGEST

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HB No. 425

Abstract: Provides relative to employment experience necessary for certain principals to be exempt from certain certification requirements and authorizes the state Dept. of Education to collect fees related to certain certification services.

Present law exempts a principal who holds valid out-of-state certification as a principal, has experience as a principal in another state, and has completed one year of employment as a principal in a La. public school system from certain testing requirements relative to certification if certain conditions are met. Proposed law adds one year of experience as an assistant principal in La. as an alternative to one year experience as a La. principal in the qualifications exempting such a principal from such requirements.

Present law authorizes BESE to adopt rules necessary to implement teacher certification provisions and make further provisions relative to qualifications and requirements. Proposed law additionally authorizes the state Dept. of Education, with BESE approval, to establish and collect fees for certification services, including but not limited to the following:

- (1) \$75 for initial teaching certificates, ancillary certificates, and vocational-technical certificates.
- (2) \$37.50 for ancillary add-on certificates, vocational-technical additions, additional ancillary certificates, additional certification endorsements or transactions, and appeal evaluations.
- (3) \$15 for duplicate certificates.

Further authorizes BESE, after July 1, 2011, to adjust such fees at a rate not to exceed 5% annually.

(Amends R.S. 17:7.1(B)(3)(intro. para.) and (C))