

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 509

BY REPRESENTATIVE MINCEY

TEACHERS: Requires the state Department of Education to review laws pertaining to teacher training and submit a related report to the legislature

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:420, relative to public school teachers; to require the state Department of
3 Education to maintain a database and to report to the legislative education
4 committees on training that professional teachers are required to complete; and to
5 provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 17:420 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §420. Required teacher training

9 A. The state Department of Education shall create and maintain a database
10 of training that professional teachers are required by law to complete. The
11 department shall provide for teachers to have access to the database, through its
12 website or by other means. The database shall include the following information
13 with respect to each required topic or course of such training:

14 (1) The legal provision establishing the requirement.

15 (2) The topic or subject matter of the course and a brief description of its
16 contents.

17 (3) Available resources for completion of the training, including links to
18 such resources or materials if applicable.

19 (4) The frequency that a teacher must repeat or update their training on the
20 topic.

1 (5) The approximate time, in hours, that completion of the training requires.

2 B. Every five years the department shall prepare and submit a report to the
3 House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education on the
4 training that professional teachers are required by law to complete. The report shall
5 include the following:

6 (1) A complete list of all required training including a description of each
7 course and legal citations for the requirement.

8 (2) The approximate time, in hours, that completion of each training course
9 requires and an estimate of the total amount of time that a teacher will invest in all
10 such training in a typical year.

11 (3) With respect to the total time reported pursuant to Paragraph (2) of this
12 Subsection, an estimate of the percentage of that time for which the teacher is not
13 compensated.

14 (4) A list of specific recommendations for changes to the legal requirements
15 regarding such training, including specific recommendations regarding training
16 requirements that should be repealed, modified, or added.

17 Section 2. The state Department of Education shall submit the first report required
18 by R.S. 17:420 as enacted by this Act by January 17, 2023.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires the state Dept. of Education to maintain a database and report to the legislative education committee on training that professional teachers are required by law to complete.

Proposed law requires the state Dept. of Education (DOE) to create and maintain a database of training that professional teachers are required by law to complete. Requires that the database be accessible to teachers. Requires that the database include the following with respect to each required topic or course of such training:

- (1) The legal provision establishing the requirement.
- (2) The topic or subject matter of the course and a brief description of its contents.

- (3) Available resources for completion of the training.
- (4) The frequency that a teacher must repeat or update their training on the topic.
- (5) The approximate time, in hours, that completion of the training requires.

Proposed law requires DOE to report every five years to the House and Senate education committees regarding such training for teachers. Provides that the report shall include the following:

- (1) A complete list of all required training.
- (2) The approximate time, in hours, that completion of each training course requires and an estimate of the total amount of time that a teacher will invest in such training in a typical year.
- (3) With respect to the estimate of total time, an estimate of the percentage of that time for which the teacher is not compensated.
- (4) A list of specific recommendations for changes to the legal requirements.

Proposed law requires submission of the first report by Jan. 17, 2023.

(Adds R.S. 17:420)