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## VOLUNTARY SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR CERTIFICATION

House Bill 4344

Sponsor: Rep. Patricia Godchaux

Committee: Education

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### A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4344 AS INTRODUCED 2-27-01

The bill would amend the Revised School Code to provide for the creation of a voluntary school administrator certification program.

Under the bill, the State Board of Education would be required to develop a school administrator's certificate which could be issued to school district and intermediate school district superintendents, principals, and assistant principals; to other people whose primary responsibility is administering instructional programs; and to school district and intermediate school district chief business officials, and other supervisory or management personnel. However, the bill specifies that an individual would not be required to have a school administrator's certificate or an endorsement in order to be employed as a school administrator by a school district, public school academy, intermediate school district, or nonpublic school.

The bill also would allow the State Board of Education to develop appropriate certificate endorsements for school district and intermediate school district superintendents, chief business officials, and building administrators by elementary school, middle school, and high school levels. In addition, the board would be required to develop standards to implement the voluntary administrator certification program. Under the bill, those standards would address at least all of the following: a) the educational and professional experience requirements for a certificate or endorsement; b) continuing education requirements for periodic recertification; and, c) procedures that would govern application for, and issuance of, certificates and endorsements. Finally, House Bill 4344 would require the Department of Education to consult and work with appropriate professional organizations in developing the required standards.

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