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July 11, 2025

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Senator Cameron Henry, Senate President  
Representative Phillip DeVillier, Speaker of the House  
Senator Rick Edmonds, Chair, Senate Committee on Education  
Representative Laurie Schlegel, Chair, House Committee on Education

FROM: Tavares A. Walker, Executive Director  
Board of Elementary and Secondary Education

RE: Summary Report on Board of Elementary and Secondary Education Proposed Rulemaking

Pursuant to R.S. 49:968(D)(1)(b), the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education hereby submits to you this summary report and announces its plan to proceed with rulemaking by finalizing the June 20, 2025, Notice of Intent that was promulgated on pages 866-867 of the *Louisiana Register*.

The Board has received no public comments and has not conducted a hearing pursuant to R.S. 49:953(A)(2)(a).

The Board has made no change to the proposed Rule.

Subject to legislative oversight by either the House Committee on Education or Senate Committee on Education, the Board anticipates adopting the Notice of Intent as a final Rule in the September 20, 2025, issue of the *Louisiana Register*.

The following document is attached:

1. A copy of the Notice of Intent.

Please contact Erin LeBlanc at (225) 342-5841 if the Board may be of any assistance to you concerning this Rule.

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Attachment (1)

Tavares A. Walker  
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- c: Caroline Tyler, Secretary, Senate Committee on Education  
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Tavares A. Walker, Executive Director, BESE

# Notices of Intent

## NOTICE OF INTENT

### Board of Elementary and Secondary Education

Bulletin 1964—Louisiana Content Standards, Benchmarks, and Grade Level Expectations for Social Studies  
Gulf of America (LAC 28:CXXI.1103 and 1303)

In accordance with the provisions of R.S. 17:6(A)(10) and the Administrative Procedure Act (APA), R.S. 49:953(B)(1) et seq., the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) proposes to amend LAC 28:CXXI in *Bulletin 1964—Louisiana Content Standards, Benchmarks, and Grade Level Expectations for Social Studies*. The revisions are made in response to Presidential Executive Order 14172 of January 20, 2025.

### Title 28

### EDUCATION

### Part CXXI. Bulletin 1964—Louisiana Content Standards, Benchmarks, and Grade Level Expectations for Social Studies

### Chapter 11. Grade 4—The Ancient World

#### §1103. Standards

A. - S. ...

1. Identify and locate geographical features in the Americas, including Mississippi River and Delta, Amazon River, the Pacific Ocean, Appalachian Mountains, Gulf of America, Atlantic Ocean, South America, and the Yucatan Peninsula.

2. - 7. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 17:6, R.S. 17:24.4, and R.S. 17:154.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, LR 48:1769 (July 2022), LR 51:

### Chapter 13. Grade 5—The Medieval to the Early Modern World

#### §1303. Standards

A. - M. ...

1. Identify and locate the geographical features of the Americas, including the Andes Mountains, Appalachian Mountains, Great Plains, Pacific Ocean Mountains, Gulf of America, Rocky Mountains, Atlantic Ocean, Mississippi River, Amazon River, South America, Caribbean Sea, North America, Yucatan Peninsula, and the Central Mexican Plateau.

M.2. - N.7....

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 17:6, R.S. 17:24.4, and R.S. 17:154.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, LR 48:1772 (July 2022), LR 51:

### Family Impact Statement

In accordance with section 953 and 974 of title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes, there is hereby submitted a Family Impact Statement on rules proposed for adoption, repeal, or amendment. All Family Impact Statements will be

kept on file in the state board office which has adopted, amended, or repealed rules in accordance with the applicable provisions of the law relating to public records.

1. Will the proposed Rule affect the stability of the family? No.

2. Will the proposed Rule affect the authority and rights of parents regarding the education and supervision of their children? No.

3. Will the proposed Rule affect the functioning of the family? No.

4. Will the proposed Rule affect family earnings and family budget? No.

5. Will the proposed Rule affect the behavior and personal responsibility of children? No.

6. Is the family or a local government able to perform the function as contained in the proposed Rule? Yes.

### Poverty Impact Statement

In accordance with section 973 of title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes, there is hereby submitted a Poverty Impact Statement on rules proposed for adoption, amendment, or repeal. All Poverty Impact Statements will be in writing and kept on file in the state agency which has adopted, amended, or repealed rules in accordance with the applicable provisions of the law relating to public records. For the purposes of this section, the word “poverty” means living at or below 100 percent of the federal poverty line.

1. Will the proposed Rule affect the household income, assets, and financial authority? No.

2. Will the proposed Rule affect early childhood development and preschool through postsecondary education development? No.

3. Will the proposed Rule affect employment and workforce development? No.

4. Will the proposed Rule affect taxes and tax credits? No.

5. Will the proposed Rule affect child and dependent care, housing, health care, nutrition, transportation, and utilities assistance? No.

### Small Business Analysis

The impact of the proposed Rule on small businesses as defined in the Regulatory Flexibility Act has been considered. It is estimated that the proposed action is not expected to have a significant adverse impact on small businesses. The agency, consistent with health, safety, environmental and economic welfare factors has considered and, where possible, utilized regulatory methods in the drafting of the proposed rule that will accomplish the objectives of applicable statutes while minimizing the adverse impact of the proposed rule on small businesses.

### Provider Impact Statement

The proposed Rule should not have any known or foreseeable impact on providers as defined by HCR 170 of 2014 Regular Legislative Session. In particular, there should be no known or foreseeable effect on:

1. the effect on the staffing level requirements or qualifications required to provide the same level of service;

2. the total direct and indirect effect on the cost to the providers to provide the same level of service; or

3. the overall effect on the ability of the provider to provide the same level of service.

#### **Public Comments**

Interested persons may submit written comments via the U.S. Mail until noon, July 10, 2025, to Tavares A. Walker, Executive Director, Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, Box 94064, Capitol Station, Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9064. Written comments may also be hand delivered to Tavares A. Walker, Executive Director, Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, Suite 5-190, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802 and must be date stamped by the BESE office on the date received. Public comments must be dated and include the original signature of the person submitting the comments.

Tavares A. Walker  
Executive Director

### **FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES**

#### **RULE TITLE: Bulletin 1964—Louisiana Content Standards, Benchmarks, and Grade Level Expectations for Social Studies—Gulf of America**

#### **I. ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (Summary)**

There are no anticipated implementation costs or savings to state or local governmental units due to the proposed rule change. The proposed rule change aligns Board of Elementary and Secondary Education policy with Presidential Executive Order 14172 of January 20, 2025, which directs the reinstatement of the name "Mount McKinley" to the highest peak in North America and orders the renaming of the northern part of the Gulf of Mexico to the "Gulf of America". Online materials will be updated at no additional cost, and printed materials will be updated for the next publishing cycle. Some updates to materials could result in an indeterminable local printing cost.

#### **II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)**

There is no anticipated effect on the revenue collections of state or local governmental units as a result of the proposed rule change.

#### **III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS, SMALL BUSINESSES, OR NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)**

There are no anticipated costs or benefits to directly affected persons, small businesses, or nongovernmental groups as a result of the proposed rule change.

#### **IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)**

There is no anticipated effect on competition and employment as a result of the proposed rule change.

Beth Scioneaux  
Deputy Superintendent  
2506#060

Patrice Thomas  
Deputy Fiscal Officer  
Legislative Fiscal Office

### **NOTICE OF INTENT**

#### **Office of the Governor Division of Administration Racing Commission**

Voided and Voidable Claims (LAC 35:XI.9914)

In accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., and through the authority granted in R.S. 4:148, notice is hereby given that the Racing Commission proposes to amend LAC 35:XI.9914. The proposed amendment updates and clarifies the standards for cases in which horse claims can be voided.

#### **Title 35**

#### **HORSE RACING**

#### **Part XI. Claiming Rules and Engagements**

#### **Chapter 99. Claiming Rule**

#### **§9914. Voided and Voidable Claims**

A. A claim shall be voided if a horse is entered in a race but fails to be declared a starter.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 4:141, R.S. 4:142 and R.S. 4:148.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Office of the Governor, Division of Administration, Racing Commission LR 48:2290 (September 2022), amended LR 51:

#### **Family Impact Statement**

This proposed Rule has no known impact on family formation, stability, and/or autonomy as described in R.S. 49:972.

#### **Poverty Impact Statement**

This proposed Rule has no known impact on poverty as described in R.S. 49:973.

#### **Small Business Analysis**

This proposed Rule has no known measurable impact on small businesses as described in R.S. 49:965.6.

#### **Provider Impact Statement**

This proposed Rule has no known impact on providers of services for individuals with developmental disabilities.

#### **Public Comments**

The domicile office of the Louisiana State Racing Commission is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday - Friday, and interested parties may submit oral or written comments, data, views, or arguments relative to this proposed Rule until July 10, 2025 at close of business to Brett Bonin, Assistant Attorney General, 320 North Carrollton Avenue, Suite 2-B, New Orleans, Louisiana 70119-5100.

Stephen Landry  
Executive Director