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2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 946

BY REPRESENTATIVE DUSTIN MILLER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:1944.1(B)(1) and (C) and to enact R.S. 17:1944.1(B)(3)(c), relative to local special education advisory councils; to provide relative to membership on such councils; to provide relative to reports from such councils; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 17:1944.1(B)(1) and (C) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 17:1944.1(B)(3)(c) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§1944.1. Local special education advisory councils; creation; purpose

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B.(1) The number of council members and composition of the council shall be determined by the local public school superintendent or the administrative head of each charter school or other public school. However, the council's membership shall be composed as follows:

(a) Fifty percent as otherwise provided by this Subparagraph, at least fifty percent of the membership shall be parents or legal guardians of students with an exceptionality, other than gifted and talented, who are enrolled in a school under the jurisdiction of or who are receiving special education services from the public school

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governing authority, none of whom shall be employees of the public school
governing authority. One high school student with an exceptionality, other than
gifted and talented, and one person who represents an entity that serves students with
disabilities or families of students with disabilities and who is not an employee of the
school governing authority may be counted to meet the requirement of this
Subparagraph.

(b) Twenty-five percent of the membership shall be teachers, principals, or
paraprofessionals.

(c) Twenty-five percent of the membership shall be other special
education stakeholders who are not represented by council members selected under
the provisions of Subparagraphs (a) and (c) of this Paragraph.

(c) At least one member shall be a teacher, principal, or paraprofessional
who serves students with disabilities and who works in a school under the
jurisdiction of the public school governing authority.

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(c) A council should be comprised of at least eight members. If a council
has fewer than eight members, the superintendent or administrative head of a charter
school shall provide an explanation of his decision to establish a council with fewer
than eight members. The explanation shall be provided to the council, and the
council shall include it as an addendum to the report required by Subsection C of this
Section.

C. Each special education advisory council shall meet at least three times a
year and shall submit a written report to the local public school superintendent or the
administrative head of the charter school or other public school and the Special
Education Advisory Panel in May of each year regarding its activities. The local
public school superintendent or the administrative head of the charter school or other
public school shall ensure that the report is posted on the district's or the school's
website, and all such reports shall be submitted to the state Department of Education and published on its website.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: __________________________

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