

ACT No. 576

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 946

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1 AN ACT

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

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 17:1944.1(B)(1) and (C) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.
8 17:1944.1(B)(3)(c) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §1944.1. Local special education advisory councils; creation; purpose

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

24 C. Each special education advisory council shall meet at least three times a
 25 year and shall submit a written report to the local public school superintendent or the
 26 administrative head of the charter school or other public school and the Special
 27 Education Advisory Panel in May of each year regarding its activities. The local
 28 public school superintendent or the administrative head of the charter school or other
 29 public school shall ensure that the report is posted on the district's or the school's

1 website, and all such reports shall be submitted to the state Department of Education
2 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: _____