
DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides relative to special education.

Present law requires training on certain topics for school board members. Proposed law adds special education to the list.

Present law provides for the provision of behavioral health services for students in schools. Proposed law requires the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) to adopt rules for present law implementation and provide for a dispute resolution process according to guidelines established by the state Dept. of Education (DOE).

Present law requires local school superintendents and administrative heads of charter schools to establish special education advisory councils. Proposed law requires the superintendents and school heads to provide for an annual report to the councils on specified special education matters and requires BESE to adopt rules for proposed law implementation.

Present law provides that the right to request a special education due process hearing shall prescribe within one year. Proposed law extends this period from one year to two years.

Proposed law authorizes BESE to adopt rules for the implementation of an early resolution process for individuals to resolve disputes with local education agencies over special education issues. Provides that a written agreement developed pursuant to this process is enforceable in any court of competent jurisdiction.

Present law requires the installation of cameras in special education classrooms upon parental request. Proposed law requires such installation within 90 days of such request.

(Amends R.S. 17:53(A)(3), 1944.1(D), and 1946(B); Adds R.S. 17:173(D), 1944.1(E), 1946(E), and 1948(G))