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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 119

BY SENATOR MORRELL

BESE. Requests the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to update certification rules for behavior analysts.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) to update its rules relative to certification requirements for behavior analysts and ensure that such rules conform with R.S. 37:3701 et seq.

WHEREAS, BESE Bulletin 746 provides for ancillary school service certificates and establishes specific requirements for certification of school therapists, including initial eligibility requirements and renewal guidelines for certification of behavior analysts; and

WHEREAS, these rules were promulgated prior to passage of the Behavior Analyst Practice Act, as enacted by Act 351 of the 2013 Regular Session of the Legislature; and

WHEREAS, some of the terminology used in BESE's rules are inconsistent with and may even conflict with the Behavior Analyst Practice Act; and

WHEREAS, discrepancies between the language in the rules and the law may cause confusion for parents and stakeholders who are trying to ensure that needed behavioral interventions are provided to students; and

WHEREAS, providing consistent, uniform terminology could decrease the confusion and ensure that students receive the services they need.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby request the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) to update its rules

relative to certification requirements for behavior analysts and ensure that such rules conform with R.S. 37:3701 et seq.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the president of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and the state superintendent of education.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Cheryl Serrett.

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