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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Requires public schools and certain publicly funded programs to provide certain accommodations to certain students and their parents and guardians.

Proposed law establishes the Blind and Visually Impaired Student's Bill of Rights.

Provides these rights necessitate certain requirements of schools and programs attended by students who are blind, visually impaired, and deaf-blind, including:

- (1) Foster an educational environment where such students are treated as equal, active, and contributing members of their classrooms and communities.
- (2) Employ and train qualified personnel and equip them with braille materials and textbooks and assistive technology for their students.
- (3) Provide opportunities for parents and guardians to participate in the development of their child's Individualized Education Plan and Section 504 Plan.
- (4) Communicate with parents and guardians relative to their child's Individualized Education Program.

(Adds R.S. 17:1960.1)