

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 946

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EDUCATION/SPECIAL: Provides relative to the membership and reports of special education advisory councils

1 AN ACT

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

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 17:1944.1(B)(1) and (C) are hereby amended and reenacted to read
7 as follows:

8 §1944.1. Local special education advisory councils; creation; purpose

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10 B.(1) ~~The number of~~ Each council shall be comprised of not fewer than
11 thirteen members, and composition of the council shall be determined by the local
12 public school superintendent or the administrative head of each charter school or
13 other public school. However, the council's membership shall be composed as
14 follows:

15 (a) ~~Fifty~~ At least fifty percent of the membership shall be parents or legal
16 guardians of students with an exceptionality, other than gifted and talented, who are
17 enrolled in a school under the jurisdiction of the public school governing authority,
18 none of whom shall be employees of the public school governing authority.

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

Proposed law modifies requirements regarding groups represented on the council as follows:

- (1) Parents or legal guardians of current students with an exceptionality, other than gifted and talented:

Present law requires that 50% of council membership be members of this group. Proposed law requires that *at least 50%* of council membership be members of this group. Also prohibits inclusion of school employees in this membership group.

- (2) Special education stakeholders other than parents and teachers, principals, or paraprofessionals:

Present law requires that 25% of council membership be members of this group. Proposed law requires that *at least 10%* of council membership be members of this group.

- (3) Teachers, principals, or paraprofessionals:

Present law requires that 25% of council membership be members of this group. Proposed law requires the balance of the council membership be appointed from this group.

Present law requires that each local special education advisory council report annually to the superintendent or administrative head.

Proposed law requires each council to also report to the La. Special Education Advisory Panel. Requires that the superintendent or administrative head ensure that the report is posted on the district's or the school's website. Further requires publication of all such reports on the state Dept. of Education's website.

(Amends R.S. 17:1944.1(B)(1) and (C))