AN ACT

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

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

C. Each special education advisory council shall meet at least three times a year and shall submit a written report to the local public school superintendent or the administrative head of the charter school or other public school and the Special Education Advisory Panel in May of each year regarding its activities. The local public school superintendent or the administrative head of the charter school or other public school shall ensure that the report is posted on the district's or the school's
website, and all such reports shall be submitted to the state Department of Education.

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: __________________________