
DIGEST

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Phelps

Abstract: Provides for children's transition from receiving services through EarlySteps to receiving services from local education agencies.

Present law provides for EarlySteps, the state's early intervention program for infants and toddlers with disabilities, and for pupil appraisal conducted by local public school systems, referred to in present law as local education agencies.

Proposed law requires that EarlySteps monthly submit a list of children who are participating in EarlySteps and who are reaching the age of two-and-a-half that month to the local education agency for the area in which the child resides. Proposed law requires each local education agency to:

- (1) Coordinate with parents relative to scheduling any appraisal conferences and facilitating the transition from EarlySteps to preschool or other appropriate services.
- (2) Conduct appraisals year-round to assist parents in scheduling and developing an appropriate plan for each child prior to the beginning of each school year.
- (3) Ensure that there is not a delay either in conducting an appraisal nor beginning to provide services to an eligible child solely because his third birthday falls during the summer months.
- (4) Take all measures necessary to coordinate with EarlySteps personnel and parents to facilitate a smooth transition for each child upon reaching his third birthday.

(Adds R.S. 17:1944(G))