

ACT No. 84

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 367

BY REPRESENTATIVES PHELPS, BRASS, FREEMAN, AND JEFFERSON

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:1944(G), relative to pupil appraisal; to provide for the transition of children
3 with disabilities from services provided through EarlySteps to services provided by
4 local education agencies; to provide for the responsibilities of EarlySteps and local
5 education agencies; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 17:1944(G) is enacted to read as follows:

8 §1944. Local education agency; responsibilities

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10 G.(1) Each month, EarlySteps shall submit a list of all children who are
11 participating in EarlySteps as provided in Chapter 4-B of Title 28 of the Louisiana
12 Revised Statutes of 1950 and who are reaching the age of two-and-a-half that month
13 to the local education agency for the area in which the child resides.

14 (2) Each local education agency shall:

15 (a) Coordinate with each child's parent relative to scheduling any
16 conferences necessary for appraising the child and conducting any other activity
17 necessary for facilitating the child's transition from EarlySteps to preschool or other
18 appropriate services, including but not limited to facilitating a process through which
19 the local education agency may directly coordinate with the child's early learning
20 center relative to scheduling and conducting appraisals and conferences relative to
21 the child's transition at the early learning center.

22 (b) Conduct pupil appraisals year-round for the purpose of assisting parents
23 in scheduling appraisals and developing an appropriate plan for each child prior to
24 the beginning of each school year.

1 (c) Ensure that there is not a delay either in conducting a child's appraisal nor
2 beginning to provide services to an eligible child solely because his third birthday
3 falls during the summer months.

4 (d) Take all measures necessary to coordinate with EarlySteps personnel and
5 parents to facilitate a smooth and seamless transition for each child upon reaching
6 his third birthday.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____