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SB 253 Engrossed

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Proposed law requires local education agencies to do the following relative to students with individualized education programs:

- (1) Obtain written consent from a student's parent or other legal guardian before initially providing a student with special education courses or related services.
- (2) Provide 10 days notice to the student's parent or other legal guardian before a reduction or removal of a special education course or related services is implemented. Such notice is required to be via certified mail, electronic mail, text message, or through an online portal.

Proposed law authorizes the student's parent or other legal guardian to request that a meeting of the individualized education program team be postponed after receipt of the notice relative to a potential change in the student's individualized education program.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 17:1946.1)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development to the original bill

1. Requires parental consent before changing a student's individualized education program for any reason.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Education to the engrossed bill:

1. Require a local education agency to provide notice to the parent or legal guardian of a student with an individualized education program relative to a reduction or removal of a special education course or related service rather than requiring that the local education agency obtain consent from the parent or legal guardian.
2. Authorize the parent or legal guardian of a student with an individualized education program to have a meeting with the student's IEP team postponed after receiving such notice.