

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 198 (HB 153)

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Existing law requires training on certain topics for school board members. New law adds special education policy to the list.

Existing law provides for the provision of behavioral health services for students in schools. New law requires the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) to adopt rules for existing law implementation and provide for a dispute resolution process according to guidelines established by the state Dept. of Education (DOE).

Existing law requires local school superintendents and administrative heads of charter schools to establish special education advisory councils. New law requires the superintendents and school heads to provide for an annual report to the councils on specified special education matters and requires BESE to adopt rules for new law implementation.

Existing law provides that the right to request a special education due process hearing prescribes. Prior law provided for prescription within one year. New law changes this time this period from one year to two years.

New law authorizes BESE to adopt rules for the implementation of an early resolution process for individuals to resolve disputes with local education agencies over special education issues. Provides that a written agreement developed pursuant to this process is enforceable in any court of competent jurisdiction.

Existing law requires the installation of cameras in special education classrooms upon parental request. New law requires such installation within 90 days of such request.

Effective August 1, 2024.

(Amends R.S. 17:53(A)(3), 1944.1(D), and 1946(B); Adds R.S. 17:173(D), 1944.1(E), 1946(E), and 1948(G))