

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 227

BY REPRESENTATIVE LANCE HARRIS

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

EXCEP PERSON/DEV DISABLE: Provides relative to age requirements for persons receiving services at the Louisiana Special Education Center

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:348(B), relative to special education services at the Louisiana
3 Special Education Center; to authorize services for certain persons with disabilities;
4 and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 17:348(B) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §348. Louisiana Schools for the Deaf and Visually Impaired; Louisiana Special
8 Education Center; year-round operation; continuing service

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10 B. Special educational services at the Louisiana Special Education Center
11 may be continued to be provided until ~~the thirty-second birthday~~ the age determined
12 by the Louisiana Department of Health for individuals with severe physically
13 handicapping conditions who are receiving work skill training and who have not
14 reached employable proficiency by their twenty-second birthday, subject to the
15 approval of the superintendent of the Special School District and subject to the
16 availability of funds.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Changes the authorized duration of special education services for individuals at the La. Special Education Center.

Present law authorizes the Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education to provide special education services at the La. Special Education Center in Alexandria when it is determined to be in the best interest of the student.

Present law authorizes continuing special educational services at the center until the 32nd birthday for individuals who have not reached employable proficiency by their 22nd birthday. Specifies that such authority is subject to approval of the superintendent of the Special School District and availability of funds.

Present law provides for licensing of the center by the La. Dept. of Health.

Proposed law retains present law except authorizes continuing services until an age determined by the center's licensure provided by the Louisiana Department of Health instead of the 32nd birthday.

(Amends R.S. 17:348(B))