DIGEST

The digest printed below was prepared by House Legislative Services. It constitutes no part of the legislative instrument. The keyword, one-liner, abstract, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

HB 227 Original

2019 Regular Session

Lance Harris

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

<u>Present law</u> 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.

<u>Present law</u> 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.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> 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))