

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**HB 342****2026 Regular Session****Knox**

EDUCATION/SPECIAL: Provides that a local education agency shall have the burden of proof in any special education due process hearing relative to the appropriateness of a student's current or proposed program or placement

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Revises provisions of proposed law that provide for the name of the Act.

Present law requires the state Dept. of Education, the Special School District, and local education agencies to establish and maintain regulations and procedures in accordance with present law and the federal law (IDEA) to ensure that students with exceptionalities and their parents are provided procedural safeguards for the provision of free appropriate public education by such agencies, including provisions for special education due process hearings.

Proposed law retains present law and adds that in all such hearings, the local education agency shall have the burden of proof, including the burden of persuasion and production, relative to the appropriateness of a student's program or placement or the appropriateness of the program or placement proposed by the agency. Provides that this burden shall be met by a preponderance of the evidence.

Proposed law provides that proposed law shall be known and may be cited as the "Vinaya Alexander, Landry Bell, Noah Cannino, Erin Carpenter, Corinth Corley, Zachry Edmonston, Carter Hart, Cameron Hogan, Eden Emily Robinson, Sammy Rollins, and Henry Lee Wray Act".

(Adds R.S. 17:1946(B)(3))