

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 712

BY REPRESENTATIVE JACKSON AND SENATORS THOMPSON AND  
WALSWORTH

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:1944(F), relative to assignment of students with exceptionalities; to require  
3 local education agencies to assign a student to the school requested by the parent; to  
4 provide for conditions; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 17:1944(F) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §1944. Local education agency; responsibilities

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9 F. A student with an exceptionality, except a gifted or talented student, shall  
10 be assigned to a school as requested by the parent if all of the following conditions  
11 are met:

12 (1) The parent submits a written request to the local education agency  
13 responsible for the student and the local education agency having jurisdiction over  
14 the school being requested by not later than April first of the school year preceding  
15 the school year for which the parent is requesting the school assignment. The  
16 request shall include a recommendation from at least two licensed physicians who  
17 have treated the student during the year prior to the submission of the request.

1                   (2) The local education agency responsible for the student and the local  
2                   education agency having jurisdiction over the school being requested by the parent  
3                   enter into an agreement for the assignment of the student to the requested school.

4                   (3) The requested school is located at least ten miles from the school the  
5                   student is assigned to in accordance with applicable school attendance zone  
6                   requirements.

7                   (4) The requested school is located at least fifteen miles from the student's  
8                   home.

9                   (5) The requested school is not located in a public school district in which  
10                  fifty percent or more of the public schools in the district are charter schools and fifty  
11                  percent or more of the public schools in the district participate in a single application  
12                  and enrollment process for public school enrollment.

13                  Section 2. This Act shall be known and may be cited as "Aeden's Law".

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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