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<u>Present law</u> provides for student behavioral health services to be provided during school hours if requested and paid by a student's parent or legal guardian.

<u>Present law</u> provides definitions of behavioral health services, behavioral health providers, and evaluators and includes a partial listing of services and occupations included in each definition.

<u>Present law</u> provides requirements for providers including liability insurance coverage, criminal background checks, and reporting of students' progress. Further requires a written treatment plan.

<u>Present law</u> requires each public school governing authority to develop policies for implementation of present law.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and adds the definitions of "applied behavior analysis provider" and "applied behavior analysis services" and includes "applied behavior analysis provider" in the definition of "behavior health analysis provider" and "evaluator". Further includes "applied behavior analysis services" in the definition of "behavioral health services".

<u>Present law</u> provides that <u>present law</u> shall not supersede the authority of a student's Individualized Education Program team or Section 504 committee licensure or requirements established by federal or state law.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and further provides that <u>present law</u> shall not supersede the licensure requirements for behavior health service providers as established by state law and La. Department of Health regulations.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that a behavioral health evaluation shall, in addition to other components, include recommendations for applied behavior analysis services.

Effective August 1, 2019.

SB 78 Engrossed

(Amends R.S. 17:173(B) and (C))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Education to the original bill

- 1. Adds definitions and licensure requirements.
- 2. Includes recommendations for applied behavior analysis services as a component of a behavioral health evaluation.