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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))