The original instrument was prepared by Jeanne Johnston. The following digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared by Tammy Crain-Waldrop.

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SB 158 Reengrossed

<u>Proposed law</u> requires each local public school superintendent and the administrative head of each charter school to establish a special education advisory council to provide advice and feedback regarding special education policies, procedures, and resources and engage in community outreach, as follows:

- (1) Each council must be created not later than January 1, 2020.
- (2) The number of members shall be determined by the local public school superintendent or the administrative head of each charter or other public school and the membership shall be composed as follows:
 - (a) 50% of the membership shall be parents of students with an exceptionality, other than gifted and talented.
 - (b) 25% of the membership shall be teachers, principals, or paraprofessionals.
 - (c) 25% of the membership shall be other special education stakeholders.
- (3) Each local public school superintendent and administrative head of a charter or other public school shall seek applications for council membership from parents of students with an exceptionality, teachers, principals, paraprofessionals, and other stakeholders. Requires that an effort be made to include parents of students in all grade levels.
- (4) Each special education advisory council shall meet at least three times a year and shall submit a written report to the superintendent or the administrative head of the charter school or other public school in May of each year regarding its activities.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 17:1944.1 and 3996(B)(54))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

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

1. Revises council membership.

- 2. Reduces number of meetings and reports.
- 3. Clarifies that <u>proposed law</u> applies to charter school governing authorities.

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

- 1. Makes technical changes.
- 2. Changes the appointing authority from the public school governing authority to the local public school superintendent and the administrative head of each charter or other public school.