

Regular Session, 2010
HOUSE BILL NO. 580
BY REPRESENTATIVE PATRICIA SMITH

ACT No. 325

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:1945(A) and (B), relative to special schools for students with
3 exceptionalities; to provide for a designation for certain special schools under the
4 jurisdiction of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education; to authorize
5 such schools to share services and functions under certain conditions; to allow for
6 the enrollment in such schools of children with orthopedic impairments under certain
7 circumstances; and to provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 17:1945(A) and (B) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as
10 follows:

11 §1945. Special schools and school districts

12 A. The State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education shall have
13 jurisdiction and exercise supervision and control over the state's special schools for
14 the blind, deaf, and orthopedically impaired. The Louisiana School for the Deaf, the
15 Louisiana School for the Visually Impaired, and the Louisiana Special Education
16 ~~Center~~ Center, hereinafter in this Section referred to as Board Special Schools, are
17 residential schools established to provide such academic, vocational, and other
18 related services as may be required.

19 B.(1) ~~The Louisiana School for the Deaf and the Louisiana School for the~~
20 ~~Visually Impaired~~ Board Special Schools shall establish an annual enrollment
21 deadline for admission to each of the respective schools. After a school's deadline,
22 any other children with ~~hearing or visual~~ hearing, visual, or orthopedic impairments
23 may enroll at the request of their parents, guardians, appointed custodians, or other
24 legal surrogates if the school, as applicable, determines that there are sufficient

1 resources to meet the needs of these children as well as the needs of the children
2 enrolled prior to the enrollment deadline.

3 (2) The Board Special Schools may share services and functions, including
4 but not limited to fiscal, human resources, maintenance, security, physical plant,
5 food, transportation, admissions, diagnostics, and health services, to the extent that
6 sharing such services and functions is not in conflict with federal laws and rules
7 applicable to the education of students with exceptionalities.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____