

Act 696 of 2018 Ad Hoc Committee

Friday, November 30, 2018

10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Council Office—Baton Rouge

626 Main St., Suite A

Members: Karen Artus, Kim Basile (chair), Hilary Bordelon, Alan Coulter, April Dunn, Liz Gary, Hyacinth McKee, Ashley McReynolds, Robert Paddy, Bambi Polotzola, and Crystal White

Purpose: To review issues with and develop recommendations relative to implementation of Act 696 of 2018

AGENDA

10:00 a.m.	Review Act 696 of 2018
10:30 a.m.	Identification of any findings from a review of Local Education Agency (LEA) policies related to Act 696 of 2018 ^{i ii}
12:00 p.m.	Lunch
12:30 p.m.	Consideration of recommendations
2:30 p.m.	Adjourn

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ⁱ Local Education Agency policies on Act 696

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ii Initial list of concerns recommended for consideration:

1. School boards understanding level of ABA Therapy services
2. Parents efforts to educate school board members on this new information have been welcomed by some school systems and declined by other school systems
3. LEA policies including restrictions beyond Act 696 specifications, specifically:
 - A. excluding ABA services
 - B. predetermining the amount of services
 - C. restricting services to outside of class time
 - D. bypassing behavior health providers recommendations and parent requests for services
 - E. denying services and/or denying recommended amount of services
 - F. denying behavioral health providers access to private areas or classrooms to facilitate services claiming there is no room or privacy issues
 - G. limiting providers to psychologists and mental health providers; hence restricting BCBA and BCBA services
 - H. discriminatory against students who receive BCBA services
 - I. denying medically necessary therapy in schools permitted by ACT 696