

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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- Rapides Parish – [Behavior Provider Agreement](#) – [Parent Consent Form](#)
- [St. Charles Parish](#) – [MOU Agreement](#)
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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 BCBAs and BCBA services
 - H. discriminatory against students who receive BCBA services
 - I. denying medically necessary therapy in schools permitted by ACT 696