

Education and Employment Committee

Wednesday, October 17, 2018, 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Embassy Suites– Baton Rouge
4914 Constitution Ave.

Members: Melissa Bayham, Hilary Bordelon (Chair), Alan Coulter, Jill Demeritt, April Dunn, Enrice Jones, Hyacinth McKee, Robert Paddy, Bambi Polotzola, Tara Smith, Mary Tarver, Crystal White and Jamie Wong

AGENDA

3:00 PM Welcome and Introductions – Hilary Bordelon

3:05 PM I. Approval of the [July 2017 EE Committee Summary](#) [Vote]

3:10 PM **EDUCATION**

- II. Monitor/Policy/Implementation of Act 833 of 2014 (FFY17, 4.1.1)
 - [Act 833 Ad Hoc Committee Unofficial Minutes from 10.1.2018](#)
 - [Act833of2014 AdHoc Committee Agenda 10.1.2018](#)
 - [Act833of2014 AdHoc Committee Agenda 9.10.2018](#)
 - [Act833of2014 AdHocCommittee Agenda 8.23.2018](#)
 - [Letter to BESE requesting Act 833 of 2014 promotion requirements be included into Bulletin 1566](#)
 - [Letter to LDOE recommending guidance to LEAs in complying with Act 833 of 2014 related to promotion of eligible students](#) 08-03-18
 - [LDOE response to Council request 08-13-18.](#)
 - [LDOE September 4th, 2018 weekly newsletter](#) with a link under Policy Updates and Reminders provided a paragraph related to promotion of students with disabilities according to Act 833 of 2014.
- III. In July the Council decided to send a letter to LDOE regarding the termination of funding to programs such as the TIERS Group and LAS*PIC, and whether any funding has been offered to LEAs to offset the loss of these programs, and to express concerns over LASARD ending in June 2019 without a clear plan for continuation
 - On September 9th, 2018 [the DD Council sent LDOE a letter requesting information related to issues pertaining to special education.](#)
 - [LDOE responded on September 18th, 2018.](#)
- IV. Information related to students not receiving instructional materials in alternative formats in a timely manner.
According to Robin King the issues with appear to be isolated incidents and not systemic.
- V. Advocate for Type 2 and Type 5 charter schools to be required to meet 85% rule of enrolling students with disabilities at rates similar to those found in traditional public schools. (4.1.1)
At the July 2018 meeting, the EE Committee requested:
[Data related to charter school enrollment of students with disabilities.](#)

VI. Emergent Education Issues:

- LDOE proposal for a different accountability system to measure alternative education schools. Parent advocates have raised concerns over the proposed reduction to 'n-size' required for an alternative education school to receive an school performance score and the lack of stakeholder input into the proposed changes.
 - [LaCAN Action Alert #1 of FFY19 to BESE](#)
 - [Stakeholder Indicator Checklist](#) completed by a member of the Special Education Advisory Panel (and Council member).
 - [Stakeholder letter to Superintendent White regarding accountability n-size. 10-11-18](#)
 - [Final N-size Chart](#)
 - Advocate for increased meaningful opportunities for stakeholder input; improved practices to facilitate stakeholder input and consideration of stakeholder recommendations (4.2.1)
 - Advocate for an accountability system to value students with disabilities and measure programs and outcomes based on individualized student goals and needs (including service delivery) (3.2.1)
- Behavioral health provider services to students at school per [Act 696 of 2018](#).

4:30 BREAK

4:40 PM **EMPLOYMENT**

- VII. Provide funding to build the capacity of employment providers through training and a demonstration project in customized employment for individuals with significant disabilities
- VIII. Provide funding to build the capacity of employment providers in customized employment through single day in-person training sessions across the state.
- IX. Provide funding to build the capacity of employment providers in customized employment through intensive web-based training.
- X. Provide funding for web-based training sessions in supported employment to build the capacity of up to 600 individuals at every level of the service delivery system, including but not limited to state and regional staff of State agencies, supported employment provider administrators, employment support professionals, and support coordinators.
- XI. [Employment Advocacy Ad Hoc Meeting Summary 9-11-2018](#)

5:50 New/Unfinished Business – Hilary Bordelon

5:55 Announcements/Evaluations – Hilary Bordelon

6:00 Adjourn