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Overview

Clarifies existing law governing school districts' obligation to provide special education and related services to children with disabilities.

Section

- 1** **Child with a disability.** Makes a technical change.
- 2** **Special instruction for children with a disability.** (a) Updates statutory language that establishes school districts' responsibility to provide special education and related services to a child with a disability until the child becomes 21 years old or receives a standard high school diploma, whichever comes first.
 - (b) Directs school districts to continue to serve a child with a disability who becomes 21 years old during the school year until the last day of the school year or the child receives a standard high school diploma, whichever comes first.
 - (c) Defines "school year" to mean the days of actual student instruction designated by the school board as the regular school year in the district's annual school calendar.
 - (d) Directs school districts to identify, locate, and evaluate children with a disability in the school district who are in need of special education and related services.
 - (e) Requires school districts to ensure that children with a disability whose parents place them in a nonpublic school or facility located within the district have the opportunity to participate in special education and related services. Requires the amount the district spends to provide these services to be at least equal to the proportionate amount of federal funds made available for children with disabilities who are unilaterally enrolled in a nonpublic school or facility located within the district.Makes this section effective immediately.

