CHAPTER 41

EDUCATION - PUBLIC SCHOOLS

HOUSE BILL 98-1240

BY REPRESENTATIVE Keller, Chavez, Mace, Reeser, and S. Williams; also SENATOR Reeves.

AN ACT

CONCERNING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. 22-20-104 (2) (a), Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

22-20-104. Administration. (2) (a) In order to assist the state board in the performance of its responsibilities for the implementation of this article, a state special education advisory committee of an appropriate size shall be appointed by the state board. The members of the advisory committee shall include at least one special education teacher from each of the disabilities set forth in section 22-20-103 (1.5), at least two administrators with experience in special education, at least two parents of children presently or formerly enrolled in special education programs, one representative from the department of human services, at least one adult with a disability eighteen years of age or older, at least one faculty member from the Colorado school for the deaf and the blind or a parent of a student attending the Colorado school for the deaf and the blind, and at least one regular classroom teacher. BE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE STATE POPULATION AND SHALL BE COMPOSED OF PERSONS INVOLVED IN OR CONCERNED WITH THE EDUCATION OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES, INCLUDING PARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES; INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES; TEACHERS; REPRESENTATIVES OF INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION THAT PREPARE SPECIAL EDUCATION AND RELATED SERVICES PERSONNEL; STATE AND LOCAL EDUCATION OFFICIALS; ADMINISTRATORS OF PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES; REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER STATE AGENCIES INVOLVED IN THE FINANCING OR DELIVERY OF RELATED SERVICES TO CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES; REPRESENTATIVES OF PRIVATE SCHOOLS AND PUBLIC CHARTER
SCHOOLS; AT LEAST ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF A VOCATIONAL, COMMUNITY, OR BUSINESS ORGANIZATION CONCERNED WITH THE PROVISION OF TRANSITION SERVICES TO CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES; AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE DIVISION OF YOUTH CORRECTIONS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES AND FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS. A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHALL BE INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES OR PARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES. Members shall be appointed for one-year or two-year terms. Any additions to the composition of the advisory committee shall be made pursuant to the rules of the state board.

SECTION 2. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

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