AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:7(5), relative to the powers, duties, and responsibilities of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education; to provide that the board shall adopt guidelines for the use of seclusion, physical restraint, and mechanical restraint of certain students; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 17:7(5) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§7. Duties, functions, and responsibilities of board

In addition to the authorities granted by R.S. 17:6 and any powers, duties, and responsibilities vested by any other applicable laws, the board shall:

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(5)(a) Prepare and adopt or approve Approve courses of study and prepare and adopt rules, by-laws, and regulations for the discipline of students; and for the government governance of the public elementary and secondary schools and other public schools and programs under its jurisdiction, which shall not be inconsistent with law and which shall be enforced by the parish and city, parish, and other local public school boards and the parish and city local school superintendents. However, the board shall have no control over the business affairs of a parish or city, parish, or other local public school board or the selection or removal of its officers and employees.
(b) Prepare and adopt guidelines for the appropriate use of seclusion, physical restraint, and mechanical restraint of students with exceptionalities as defined in R.S. 17:1942.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: ________________________

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