

# **Louisiana Children with Exceptionalities Act (State Statute)**

**RS 17:1941**

## **CHAPTER 8. EDUCATION OF CHILDREN WITH EXCEPTIONALITIES PART I. EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN WITH EXCEPTIONALITIES**

### **§1941. Declaration of public policy**

It is and shall be the duty of state and local educational agencies of the state of Louisiana to provide a free appropriate public education to every child with an exceptionality who is a resident therein. Out of recognition that included within any population one will find some children who require special education and related services, it is the purpose of this Chapter to provide for a flexible and uniform system of special education for all children requiring such services; to provide a flexible and nondiscriminatory system for identifying and evaluating the individual needs of the child; to determine the appropriateness of the special education services; to conduct a periodic evaluation of the services and their benefit to the child; to prevent denials of equal educational opportunities on the basis of national origin, sex, economic status, race, religion, and physical or mental disabilities/impairments or other exceptionalities in the provision of free appropriate public education; and to provide such special education services herein described and related services in the least restrictive educational placements.

Acts 1977, No. 754, §1; Acts 1998, 1st Ex. Sess., No. 109, §1, eff. May 5, 1998.