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Review of 60-Day Timeline for Development of the IEP**

California Department of Education has requested that all administrators review the statutory requirements for development of an IEP. The applicable statute is Education Code Section, 56344 which states:

56344. (a) An individualized **education** program required as a result of an assessment of a pupil shall be developed within a total time not to exceed 60 days, not counting days between the pupil's regular school sessions, terms, or days of school vacation in excess of five schooldays, from the date of receipt of the parent's written consent for assessment, unless the parent agrees, in writing, to an extension. However, an individualized **education** program required as a result of an assessment of a pupil shall be developed within 30 days after the commencement of the subsequent regular school year as determined by each district's school calendar for each pupil for whom a referral has been made 20 days or less prior to the end of the regular school year. In the case of pupil school vacations, the 60-day time shall recommence on the date that pupil schooldays reconvene. A meeting to develop an initial individualized **education** program for the pupil shall be conducted within 30 days of a determination that the pupil needs special **education** and related services pursuant to paragraph (2) of subsection (b) of Section 300.343 of Title 34 of the **Code** of Federal Regulations.

(b) Each district, special **education** local plan area, or county office shall have an individualized **education** program in effect for each individual with exceptional needs within its jurisdiction at the beginning of each school year in accordance with subdivision (a) and pursuant to subsections (a) and (b) of Section 300.342 of Title 34 of the **Code** of Federal Regulations.

Please share this information with your staff.