

Regular Session, 2005

# ACT No. 160

HOUSE BILL NO. 32

BY REPRESENTATIVE ANSARDI

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact Children's Code Article 423(A)(2), relative to hearing officers; to provide for the acceptance of agreements reached in court-ordered mediation; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. Children's Code Article 423(A)(2) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

Art. 423. Hearing officers

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(2) Notwithstanding any other provisions to the contrary, ~~it shall be allowed, in the parishes with a population over four hundred forty thousand according to the latest federal decennial census, for the judge or judges of the court may authorize one or more~~ hearing officers to accept any agreement reached in a mediation ordered by the court, pursuant to ~~Article 437~~ Chapter 6 of Title IV of this Code, regardless of the stage of the case which said agreement would adjudicate. In accepting the mediated agreement from the parties, the hearing officer shall be authorized to perform any duties described in Paragraph C of this Article, including but not limited

