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**Georgia Department of Education
Item for State Board of Education Approval
– Rule –**

Item Name

FP- State Board Rule - 160-4-7-.15 Georgia Network for Educational and Therapeutic Support (GNETS).

Recommendation – Rule Adoption

It is recommended that the State Board of Education adopt State Board of Education Rule 160-4-7-.15 Georgia Network for Educational and Therapeutic Support (GNETS).

Supports the Following Education Goal or Goals in the Agency Strategic Plan

- Ongoing Operations

Rationale

This rule is being initiated to add definitions, update GNETS purpose and services, define the service delivery and environments, clearly establish consideration for GNETS services, and clarify responsibilities for all stakeholders.

Details

This rule is being initiated to:

1. Add definitions of terms.
2. Update GNETS purpose and services to clarify the services that are available within the continuum of supports for LEAs to consider when determining Least Restrictive Environment (LRE) for students.
3. Clearly establish that consideration for GNETS services is determined by the IEP team using the criteria set forth in IDEA regulations.
4. Define the service delivery and environments to emphasize that removal from the general education setting will occur only when the nature and severity of the disability of the student is such that education in the general education setting with use of supplemental aids and services cannot be achieved.
5. Clarify responsibilities for all stakeholders including the State Education Agency, LEA, Fiscal Agent, and GNETS.

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