

Education Committee
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To Whom It May Concern:

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I am a Special Education teacher working with children with autism and am in support of Raised Bill # 6666, Section 7.

I support this bill because it is necessary to ensure that children with autism receive a free and appropriate education implemented by qualified personal. I feel that some parents may not be aware of the type of certifications that are necessary in order to be considered qualified to be a behavior analytic consultants. I feel that by putting a requirement that school districts use a board certified behavior analyst in the fulfillment of a students 504 plan or IEP, this bill will be a safe guard for parents of children with autism and their children. With no oversight or consumer protection in place, it remains a potential breeding ground for corruption, even if many of these unqualified providers are well intended.

Every other professional discipline that works with children with special needs must have a valid license or certification. So why is should a Behavior Analytic Consultant be any different.

Sincerely,

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