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Testimony on Raised Bill 6422

*AAC TRANSPORTATION AND TUITION COSTS OF STUDENTS WHOSE HEALTH  
CONDITION REQUIRES THEM TO ATTEND A DIFFERENT SCHOOL THAN THAT  
WHICH WOULD NORMALLY BE ASSIGNED FOR SUCH STUDENT.*

I am a registered nurse for 30 years and a school nurse since 1995. I am opposed to this bill as written. While it is important that each student's health and education needs are met, there are laws already in place that require schools to meet the needs of the student.

I am opposed to the section of the bill that states the district is responsible for the cost of transportation and tuition for the education of a student with a health condition **provided a physician certifies that attendance by such student at the school such student would otherwise attend due to the student's residency poses immediate and long-term health risks.**

I ask on what criteria is the physician basing his/her certification that the school the student would otherwise attend would pose an immediate and long term health risks?

It would be more helpful and within the physician's scope of practice to identify the student's health condition and the accommodations, modification, special equipment, or treatments the student would need in order to be successful in school. It would then be up to the school to determine through the PPT or 504 process if the school can meet the needs of the student. The laws under IDEA or 504 would then dictate the appropriate course of action.