



Testimony in support of Raised Bill 1038; an act concerning Individualized Education Programs.

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I am writing in support of the passage of SB1038.

As the mother to a child with autism and who requires an IEP, it has been my distinct pleasure to serve on the IEP Task Force in the development of these legislative changes. The process of transitioning into the use of an IEP, its successful implementation over the course of a child's educational career and ensuring it meets the individual and ever-changing needs of the person whom it serves, is often completely overwhelming to a family/caregiver. The proposed changes surrounding training, prior notice and additional recommendations in this bill will make the IEP experience one that will benefit the students it impacts the most.

I offer my full support of this legislation.

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