

Dear members of the Education Committee -

I would like to register my OPPOSITION to SB 1105. It would be unthinkable to allow those without the special and specific training in ABA techniques to work with our most fragile children. As an attorney, I feel perfectly comfortable in my profession as I perform all levels of litigation. I would not however feel comfortable at all in performing tasks in other legal areas such as estate planning, criminal law, commercial law, maritime law, patent law, etc. Just because I am an attorney does not make me qualified to work in any of the many areas of the legal profession that I might like.

It is the same for the individuals that might be called on (will they even be given the choice of volunteering - or be told by the Central Office that they have to do this as one of their assigned tasks) to perform these services. This is not meant as a put down to our very many dedicated people. It is just to point out that just because they are able to perform services in one area, they are not necessarily able to adequately perform services in another area. At the very minimum they must be required to pass some sort of certification test in this area.

Accordingly, I would be opposed to the passage of this bill.

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