

Dear Sir,

As the parent of a child on the autism spectrum, I beg you to reconsider passage of SB 1105 in its current form. Specifically of interest to myself and my family is the language that would allow any other trained or certified individual, not holding the title of BCBA to plan, implement and oversee a program of Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA). This would be detrimental to our children in that even well written programs may not be carried out correctly and could even lead to harm being done to their programs, setting them back months, maybe even years in skills gained. Overall, if this change were to be carried out, I would imagine seeing the lifetime costs of these students rise. Early intervention when done by a professional could turn out lifelong skills, however done by someone improperly qualified and the cost of that same child's program just went up exponentially over their lifetime.

Lastly, think of the burden teachers, psychologists and social workers and even administrators will have to bear. Untrained but yet have to find a way to get it done. They will be uncomfortable in their positions as well. Again a problem for the child who can sense their providers mood and mind frame as many do.

Think long and hard before putting our children in this struggle for Free and Appropriate Services.

Thank you for taking the time to listen. I hope you heed my words!

My son Dylan and I, we thank you for your time to read and log this letter against SB 1105,

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