

Subject: Testimony in Opposition to SB 1105

Hello.

I am Gail Loughlin, School Psychologist, BCBA. Although it was not necessary for my job to go back to school to further my education by earning a certification as a BCBA - it was invaluable with working with the very special population that I work with - children and young adults with autism.

At River Street School, I receive packets that include "FBA's" and behavior support plans completed by special education teachers, social workers, and school psychologists. By far, without having the specific training afforded by the BCBA certification program, they are incomplete, make no sense, and are worthless - worse yet, not helpful to our children.

Please don't allow staff that are already overworked do a plan that just 'gets by' - or have principals supervise and 'just rubber stamp' plans without the knowledge needed to do even an adequate job.

Thank you for your vote against SB 1105 and a vote for our children!

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