

Subject: Testimony in Opposition to SB 1105

My name is Marcela Nunez and I am a Board certified behavior analyst as well as a parent of a child with autism. I am very concerned with the new proposed law of allowing anyone without the proper training in servicing children with autism in the school. As a behavior analyst I have been through extensive training in order to learn how to properly service children with autism. As a parent of a child with autism I certainly would like qualified individuals such as BCBA to service my child. Children with autism are very capable of learning and they need trained qualified people to maximize their learning in school. BCBAs are people trained in making data driven decisions. I am concerned that our educational system already has a shortage of qualified individuals to service children with special needs and adding a huge responsibility such as making them responsible for programming development of children in the spectrum will only add to their stressful job and also not service the autistic population properly.

Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

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