

Good Morning,

I am writing this morning to **OPPOSE HB 5537, Section 6**. SLPs can be very critical to educational needs for children with special needs, however to allow an SLPs scope to include the provisions under Applied Behavior Analysis services not only would negatively impact my son's educational needs, it would also negatively impact other professionals including but not limited to Board Certified Behavior Analysts and School Psychologists.

SLPs are not required to take any classes in behavior analysis, nor do they have any training or experience requirements related to the provision of behavior analytic services as part of their training to become SLP's.

SLP's are not equipped with the necessary skill set to implement programming regarding behavior.

To provide additional provisions to other professionals that expand their Scope of Practice without ensuring they are properly training to provide such services is reckless and dangerous to a population of children that can not advocate for themselves.

Sincerely,
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