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HB 5537

Legislation,

As a parent of a seven year old boy with Autism and a teacher, I strongly oppose HB5537, section 6. Speech Language Pathologists 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. ABA is not currently within the scope of practice of Speech Language Pathologists. In the day to day education of students this bill would simply hurt the future of all Autistic children and cause more regression and developmental delays. Legislators need to see firsthand how devastating this would be for all involved.

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