

Joint Committee on Education

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AN ACT CONCERNING GIFTED AND TALENTED STUDENTS

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My name is Meagan Warner and I am a student at the Renzulli Academy. The Renzulli Academy has helped me for almost a whole school year now. It has helped me gain and accomplish many things that I couldn't do in normal school, like getting student of the year! I think other kids should get the same opportunities that I am lucky enough to have.

Before I joined this program, the work was too easy. I would constantly finish early and just sit there, reading. The work did not help me get much smarter because I already knew it. I already knew how to do "simple long division" and "multi-digit multiplication." I already knew where and when to put commas and periods. I knew how to avoid "run-on sentences." The Renzulli Academy teaches me things I don't already know.

I think other kids should also get the same opportunities I get to learn things they don't already know too. I think other kids that are like me should get the opportunity to be challenged and learn new things. No one should be stuck reading when they could be learning and doing new things.