

PLEASE VOTE NO on HB#5552, which will add an unnecessary and costly delay for the unfortunate families who are compelled to file for due process to protect the rights of their disabled child (guaranteed under IDEA). Forcing parents to go through a new arbitration step prior to accessing a due process hearing is WRONG! This bill indicates the role of an arbitrator will be filled with current or former employees within the public education system, further stacking the deck against parents to get a truly impartial person to review their case.

Due process already costs families \$25,000 and up. Adding this new arbitration process is costly and is an unnecessary delay and is NOT in the best interest of the child!

PLEASE Vote NO on HB#5552.

Sincerely,

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