

To whom it may concern,

On March 2, 2016, the Education Committee published the text of HB 5552, as a raised bill, and scheduled hearings for this coming Monday. This is truly bad legislation. Speaking as a parent with a child that is special needs and as someone who works with said children in a very large Connecticut High School, it is adding more obstacles for parents to navigate. And said bill adds undue costs to both sides, as well as giving the local school boards a broader favor at the expense of these children. The children and their family's have enough stacked up against them as it is.

This legislation absurdly contradicts the federal dispute resolution process for special education.

Sincerely,

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