

To: House Committee on Education  
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RE: HB 2597

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Children who have or need an IEP, and miss school because of an identifiable condition, such as ASD, need to be able to defend an excused absence as an expression of the condition if the school states otherwise. It goes without saying that unnecessary truancy actions don't help anyone. HB 2597 also gives parents a tool to advocate for their children and further facilitate a constructive dialogue between schools and parents to work around the sometimes quickly evolving issues that accompany neurological conditions such as ASD.

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