

HB 1368: Special Education - Individualized Education Program - Notification of Missed Services (**Shifra's Act**): Please vote to **SUPPORT** this bill.

Dear Ways & Means Committee:

I am writing to respectfully **support HB 1368**, concerning *Special Education – Individualized Education Program – Notification of Missed Services (Shifra's Act)*.

Students with disabilities rely on the services outlined in their Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) to receive the educational support they are legally entitled to. When these services—such as speech therapy, occupational therapy, or specialized instruction—are missed, parents and guardians should be promptly informed so that the issue can be addressed and the student’s needs can continue to be met.

HB 1368 promotes transparency and accountability by requiring schools to notify families when IEP services are not provided as scheduled. This **communication allows parents to work collaboratively with educators to ensure that missed services are appropriately addressed by compensatory services and that students remain on track with their educational goals.**

Clear notification policies also help strengthen trust between families and schools. Parents are essential partners in the special education process, and timely information ensures they are fully informed about the supports their children are receiving.

Shifra’s Act represents a reasonable and compassionate step toward protecting the rights of students with disabilities while reinforcing the shared responsibility between schools and families to support student success.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge you to **support HB 1368**.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration.

Respectfully,

Trudy Tibbals