

HB 267 -- SPECIAL EDUCATION DUE PROCESS HEARINGS

SPONSOR: Jones (117)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass - federal mandate" by the Committee on Elementary and Secondary Education by a vote of 12 to 0.

Currently, if a resolution session or preliminary meeting to discuss a special education placement reaches a settlement, the written settlement agreement will be implemented. This bill clarifies that the designee of the responsible public agency must sign the agreement and that the agency, usually the local school district, must identify a designee who has the authority to bind the agency.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2008, FY 2009, and FY 2010.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this change to state law was required by an amendment to federal law last year. If the statutes aren't changed to accommodate the law, the \$200 million federal appropriation is jeopardized.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Jones (117); and Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.