

SB 140 -- SPECIAL EDUCATION DUE PROCESS HEARINGS

SPONSOR: Rupp (Cunningham, 86)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" 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.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill was prompted by a change in 2006 to the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and is needed to bring the state into compliance.

Testifying for the bill was Senator Rupp.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.