

HB 631 -- Alternative Disability Services Act

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This bill establishes the "Alternative Disability Services Act," which allows a parent, guardian, or student ages 18-21 to initiate the negotiation of an agreement for an alternative provider of special education services.

The public school must negotiate agreements for the educational costs of students with disabilities in good faith, and the agreements may include provisions for partial or full enrollment of the child in public school, and services and supplementary aids the public school shall provide.

An agreement may be initiated by a parent, guardian, or student ages 18-21 when the IEP or ISP goals are not being met, the IEP or ISP accommodations or modifications are not being provided, or special education services are not available from certified personnel through the public school.

The education of children with disabilities shall, to the maximum extent appropriate, be with children who do not have disabilities, and shall attend regular class, except in the case of a disability resulting in violent behavior which causes substantial likelihood of injury to the students or others.

This bill is similar to SB 249 (2019), SB 1035, and HB 2705 (2018).