

HB 1317 -- ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION (Sommer)

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Standing Committee on Elementary and Secondary Education

This bill prevents any public school district or charter school from prohibiting a parent or guardian from recording any meeting held under the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) or a Section 504 plan meeting (Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973).

Districts may not require parents to provide more than 24 hours notice in order to record said meeting, and no school district employee acting in good faith shall face discharge or discriminations for reporting retaliation, discrimination, or violations of IDEA or Section 504 as a result of these recordings.

This bill requires school districts and charter schools to establish a state-approved gifted program if 3% or more of the students are determined to be gifted by July 1, 2022. By July 1, 2022, districts and charter schools with average daily attendance of more than 350 students are required to have a teacher certificated to teach gifted education, any teacher providing gifted instruction without a gifted-teaching certificate must participate in six hours per year of professional development regarding gifted services.

This bill is similar to HB 112 (2019), and HCS HB 1435 (2018).