



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
**WITNESS APPEARANCE FORM**

BILL NUMBER: <b>HB 371</b>		DATE: <b>1/22/2025</b>	
COMMITTEE: <b>Elementary and Secondary Education</b>			
<b>TESTIFYING:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IN SUPPORT OF <input type="checkbox"/> IN OPPOSITION TO <input type="checkbox"/> FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES			
<b>WITNESS NAME</b>			
<b>REGISTERED LOBBYIST:</b>			
WITNESS NAME: <b>BRANDT SHIELDS</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>573-208-7879</b>	
REPRESENTING: <b>MISSOURI SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION</b>		TITLE:	
ADDRESS: <b>2100 I-70 DR. SW</b>			
CITY: <b>COLUMBIA</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>	ZIP: <b>65203</b>
EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE:	SUBMIT DATE: <b>1/22/2025 12:00 AM</b>	
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<b>INDIVIDUAL:</b>		
WITNESS NAME: <b>JAMES C OWEN</b>		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE:      ZIP:
EMAIL: <b>jamescoven55@gmail.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>	SUBMIT DATE: <b>1/22/2025 10:08 AM</b>
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**I am the father of a grade school child with autism and ADHD. When schools implement an IEP, the parents need to be involved and consent to the school's plan.**



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WITNESS NAME: <b>KELSEY BELL</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: <b>kalittle2005@hotmail.com</b>		ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>	SUBMIT DATE: <b>1/21/2025 10:10 PM</b>
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WITNESS NAME: <b>MIKE LODEWEGEN</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
REPRESENTING: <b>MO COUNCIL OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS</b>		TITLE:	
ADDRESS: <b>3500 AMAZONAS</b>			
CITY: <b>JC</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>	ZIP: <b>65109</b>
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WITNESS NAME: <b>OTTO FAJEN</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>573-634-3202</b>	
REPRESENTING: <b>MISSOURI NEA</b>		TITLE:	
ADDRESS: <b>1810 E. ELM ST.</b>			
CITY: <b>JEFFERSON CITY</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>	ZIP: <b>65101</b>
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<b>INDIVIDUAL:</b>		
WITNESS NAME: <b>SUMMER POE</b>		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE:      ZIP:
EMAIL: <b>summersheperd92@icloud.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>	SUBMIT DATE: <b>1/21/2025 11:05 AM</b>

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**We should keep data for the sole purpose of keeping track of what therapies and/or modalities are working and which ones are not working and need to be replaced.**



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WITNESS NAME: <b>ARNIE C. "HONEST-ABE" DIENOFF-STATE PUBLIC ADVOCAT</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: <b>arniedienoff@yahoo.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>	SUBMIT DATE: <b>1/22/2025 10:56 PM</b>	
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I am Opposed to this Bill. I believe that all of this information is collected and calculated by each School Building. This information I believe is currently available. This a duplication of Data and this Legislation is not needed. The Calculated Fiscal Note is in excess of \$1-Million Dollars for Implementation.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>KIM MILLER</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: <b>kim6395@hotmail.com</b>		ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>	SUBMIT DATE: <b>1/21/2025 4:15 PM</b>
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WITNESS NAME: <b>SHERRY DAVIS</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: <b>sherrydavis1988@gmail.com</b>		ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>	SUBMIT DATE: <b>1/22/2025 7:35 AM</b>
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Requiring the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to adopt a parental consent form is redundant. There is currently one in place which is called Prior Written Notice. Legislation should not mandate forms and the content. It has been clarified in the Missouri State Plan there is no such thing as an "interim" placement. This should be removed as it's confusing. Many years ago, there was such a thing in Missouri as an interim placement, but it was over-used by educators by placing children in special education programs on an interim basis when they may not have truly been eligible or when it was believe necessary to remove a child from the general education setting who was misbehaving. These children may or may not have eventually met eligibility. This is not a practice we want to return to as it was not best for students. Since school districts are responsible for developing and implementing IEPs that ensure FAPE (Free Appropriate Public Education), we have concerns about the feasibility of this new requirement if parents are allowed to consent to certain recommendations but not others. Parents should not be allowed to pick and choose what services they want for their child when the experts have determined what is necessary in delivering the appropriate special education services in the correct placement of students to ensure FAPE. We believe this bill will have negative impacts on students with disabilities. a. We have concerns the outcome of this bill will increase litigation against families, which is not good for students. b. Managing multiple amendments within a student's IEP could become confusing and challenging, and have a negative impact on the instruction. c. The bill's emphasis on parental consent for specific IEP components raises concerns that parents might request additions that are not necessary for the student's progress, conflicting with the requirements to provide a free appropriate public education (FAPE).



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WITNESS NAME: <b>PERRY GORRELL</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: <b>DESE</b>		TITLE: <b>CHIEF OF GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS</b>	
ADDRESS: <b>205 JEFFERSON</b>			
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