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Revising the special education state aid statewide excess costs calculation to count additional funding, requiring the state board of education to determine each school district's excess costs and to establish a special education state aid equalization distribution schedule.

Position: Opponent Testimony, Written-only

Hearing Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2024, at 3:30 PM

Committee: House Committee on K-12 Education Budget

Chair: Rep. Kristey Williams

Madame Chair and Members of the Committee,

As a retired educator, I can attest to the importance of full Special Education funding. Every student with special education needs deserves the same ability to succeed as those who do not experience educational challenges. An even playing field allows special education students to reach their full potential, which is equal to those who do not experience those challenges. Without the aid of special education, these students may become discouraged and leave school early. They deserve every opportunity to overcome their disability with the aid of staff and resources designed specifically for them.