

SB 42 -- Special Education Students

Sponsor: Days

This bill changes the laws regarding special education services. In its main provisions, the bill:

(1) Requires school districts and special school districts to engage in a planning process to provide special education and related services for handicapped children three to four years of age by coordinating with public, private, and private not-for-profit agencies;

(2) Specifies that school districts providing early childhood special education must give consideration to the value of continuing services with Part C providers for the remainder of the school year when developing an individualized educational program for a student; and

(3) Removes the provision which specifies that a preference will be given to the continuation of services with the student's provider unless the average per-student cost of the early childhood education in the district is exceeded.