

COALITION FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

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Education Finance Committee
Minnesota House of Representatives
100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
Saint Paul, MN 55155

Chair Youakim and Members of the Education Finance Committee,

We are writing to express support to House File 1175, Representative Youakim's bill that would provide reimbursement to school social workers through Federal Medicaid for services they provide to eligible students as part of an Individualized Education Program (IEP) or Individual Family Service Plan (IFSP).

Current practice requires school districts to participate in Children's Therapeutic Systems of Support (CTSS) to be reimbursed for social work services to students in an IEP or IFSP. The large amount of paperwork for this program has discouraged districts from participating in CTSS. School districts are missing out on \$10 million in Federal revenue as a result. This bill would bring more funding to districts to provide critical mental health services.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our support to House File 1175. Please contact Natalia Madryga at nmadryga@hyldenlaw.com or 952-693-1329 with any questions.

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