

Subject Special education

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Overview

Under state law, a school district must give parents “prior written notice” when the district proposes to change the identification, evaluation, or educational placement of a student. If the parent objects to a proposal or refusal in the prior written notice, the parent may request a conciliation conference. A conciliation conference is required if a parent requests it. This bill eliminates the conciliation conference.

Federal law does not require a conciliation conference.

Summary

Section	Description
1	Alternative dispute resolution; additional requirements for prior written notice. Strikes the requirement that a prior written notice has to state that a parent who objects to a proposal in the prior written notice may request a conciliation conference.
2	Alternative dispute resolution; voluntary dispute resolution options. Strikes the requirement that a district offer a parent a conciliation conference.
3	Repealer. (a) Repeals the requirement that a parent have an opportunity to meet with appropriate district staff in at least one conciliation conference if the parent objects to a proposal in the prior written notice. (b) Repeals rule governing a conciliation conference.