



Elementary Secondary Education Committee

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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 628

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 628 as follows:

3 on page 11, by replacing lines 15 through 26 with the
4 following:

5 "(g-5) To ensure that a parent can participate fully and
6 effectively with school personnel in the development of
7 appropriate educational and related services for his or her
8 child, the parent, an independent educational evaluator, or an
9 expert retained by or on behalf of a parent or child must be
10 afforded access of sufficient duration and extent to
11 educational personnel, facilities, classrooms, and buildings
12 and to the child in order to conduct an evaluation of the
13 child, the child's performance, the child's current
14 educational program, placement, or environment, or any
15 proposed educational program, placement, or environment,
16 including interviews, observations, assessments, tests, or
17 assessments of the child's educational program or placement or

1 any proposed educational program or placement. For purposes of
2 this subsection (g-5), "expert" includes a therapist,
3 doctorate level educator or specialist, academician,
4 physician, diagnostician, educational consultant, certified,
5 licensed, or otherwise credentialed professional, or student
6 or intern in an accredited program working under the direct
7 supervision of a therapist, doctorate level educator or
8 specialist, academician, physician, diagnostician, educational
9 consultant, or certified, licensed, or otherwise credentialed
10 professional. Prior to visiting a school, a school building, or
11 a school facility, the parent, independent educational
12 evaluator, or expert shall inform the building principal or
13 supervisor of the proposed visit, the purposes of the visit,
14 and the approximate duration of the visit. Visitors shall
15 comply with school safety and security policies and protect
16 students' right of privacy and may not disrupt the educational
17 process."; and

18 on page 12, by deleting lines 1 through 9; and

19 on page 28, lines 12 and 13, by replacing "if the expert
20 witness contributed to the relief obtained" with "incurred";
21 and

22 on page 28, lines 17 and 18, by replacing "necessary for the
23 preparation of" with "prepared for"; and

1 on page 28, line 23, after "decree," by inserting "mediation
2 agreement,"; and

3 on page 29, line 5, before "private", by inserting "mediation
4 agreement or".