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RE: HB 1335 Relating to teachers and a statewide plan for serving students with disabilities

Dear Madam Chair and Members of the Senate Education Committee:

The Texas Association of School Administrators (TASA) and Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) applaud Representative Allen's commitment to ensuring that all vested stakeholders have the ability to provide input to a student's IEP. However, the implementation of HB 1335 would be costly for school districts and for that reason we are submitting this written testimony in opposition to the bill.

Although no fiscal implication is anticipated to the state, the fiscal note indicates that the legislation "could result in a large number of additional ARD meetings." A significant increase in meetings would yield additional costs to school districts for staff and resources.

Currently, Texas Administrative Code 19TAC Section 89.1075(c) provides structure and procedures for requesting an ARD meeting by both regular and special education teachers. Our organizations believe that current procedures are satisfactory.

This legislation would amount to a significant unfunded mandate for school districts, at a time when state funding for schools is being dramatically reduced. Thank you for listening to our concerns. Please feel free to contact us if additional information is needed.

Respectfully,



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