

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 745

To amend the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act to require notification with respect to individualized education program teams, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 26, 2025

Mr. SCHMITT (for himself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Mr. PADILLA) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Empowering Families
5 in Special Education Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENT FOR IEP TEAMS.**

7 Section 614(d)(1)(B) of the Individuals with Disabil-
8 ities Education Act (20 U.S.C. 1414(d)(1)(B)) is amend-
9 ed—

1 (1) in clause (iv), by redesignating subclauses
2 (I) through (III) as items (aa) through (cc), respec-
3 tively (and by conforming the margins accordingly);

4 (2) by redesignating clauses (i) through (vii) as
5 subclauses (I) through (VII), respectively (and by
6 conforming the margins accordingly);

7 (3) in the matter preceding subclause (I), as so
8 redesignated, by striking “The term” and inserting
9 the following:

10 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The term”; and

11 (4) by adding at the end the following:

12 “(ii) NOTIFICATION REQUIRED.—

13 Within a reasonable timeframe prior to the
14 first convening of the individualized edu-
15 cation program team for a child with a dis-
16 ability for a school year, the local edu-
17 cational agency that serves such child shall
18 notify the parent of such child that such
19 parent may, under clause (i)(VI), include
20 other individuals who have knowledge or
21 special expertise regarding the child, in-
22 cluding related services personnel as appro-
23 priate, as part of the individualized edu-
24 cation program team.”.

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