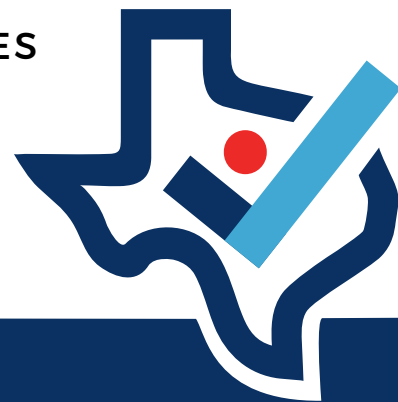


House Bill (HB) 272

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IEP Team Terminology

HB 272 would update the Texas Education Code to remove references to the "admission, review, and dismissal committee" or "ARD committee, replacing them with "individualized education program team" or "IEP team" where appropriate. It would direct all state entities to use this terminology moving forward.



The IEP is a legal document that outlines the special education services a student receives. The document is created by a team that knows the student well. In federal law and other states, this group of individuals is known as the IEP team.



Texas refers to this team as the ARD Committee, and is the only state to do so. This disconnect between federal and state phrasing causes unnecessary confusion in an already complex system. Terminology varies even from school to school.



Current and past supporters of the legislation include Disability Rights Texas, the Arc of Texas, Autism Society of Texas, Texas Association of School Psychologists, Texas Council of Administrators of Special Education, and others.



"HB 272 will reduce confusion and accurately refer to the collaborative team of people coming together to make decisions for a student receiving special education services."

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