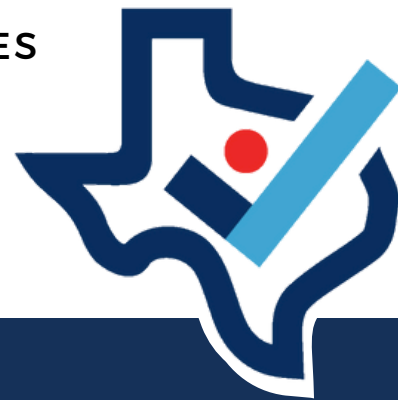


House Bill (HB) 1188

Rep. Christian Manuel



LIDDA Referrals for Students with IDD

HB 1188 would require school districts to refer students with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) to their Local IDD Authority (LIDDA) for services and public benefits, including home and community-based services waiver programs.



LIDDAs serve as the point of entry for publicly funded IDD programs and are a good resource for families to learn about entitlement services, long term services and supports, Medicaid waiver services, relevant eligibility requirements, crisis and diversion services, and other resources.



School districts are generally not required to provide information on LIDDAs or waiver program interest lists to students receiving special education services until transition planning begins, which usually takes place when the student turns 14.



In 2023, similar legislation was supported by The Arc of Texas, Disability Rights Texas, Texas Association of School Psychologists, Texas Council of Administrators of Special Education, Texas Council of Community Centers, Texas Parent to Parent, Texas PTA, and others.

“With wait times in excess of 15 years, learning about the waivers as soon as a child is diagnosed with a disability would allow families to benefit from these services so much sooner.”

Public comment to the House Public Education Committee on a bill identical to HB 1188, April 2023

