

Hearing
Summary

Joint
Committee on Education

09/21/2005
- 1:00PM - Room B2

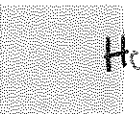
Committee
Members in Attendance:

HOUSE:

Rep.
Patricia A. Haddad

Rep.
Matthew Patrick

Rep.
Marty Walz



Rep.
Alice K. Wolf

SENATE:

Sen.
Bob Antonioni

Bills
Heard:

HB1170
(Larkin) Legislation to further regulate special education.

HB1123
(L'Italien) Relating to special education needs of children with autism spectrum disorder.

HB1104
(Jehlen) Relating to the education of deaf or hard of hearing children.

HB1074
(Wolf) Relating to increased funding for special education in the Commonwealth.

HB1066
(Wagner) Legislation to provide written guidance relative to evaluation of children with special needs.

HB1039

(Balsler) Relating to further regulating special education referrals for evaluations.

HB1022

(Sannicandro) Relating to special education due process costs.

HB1023

(Coughlin) Relating to special education funding.

SB290

(Antonioni) Relating to special education compliance.

SB291

(Antonioni) Relating to special education and parent advisory councils.

SB310

(Chandler) Relating to state aid and special education costs.

SB363

(Tolman) Relating to special education budgets.

SB369

(Tarr) Relating to special education.

HB2941

(Sannicandro) Relating to special education settlement agreements

Testimony:

HB1123

Testified
in support:

- Rep.
L'Italien
- Rep.
Eldridge
- Ann
Geway, Bedford resident
- Laurel
Collins, Woburn resident
- Nicole
Nash
- Jeannine
Soloman, Milton resident and Attorney at Disability Law Center
- Gene
Stern, Director of Child Services for Aspergers Syndrome
- Muo
Como
- Julia
Landow, Attorney with the Massachusetts Advocated for Children,
Director of Autistic Spectrum Education Support Center

HB2408

Testified
in support:

- Rep.
Eldridge

HB1022

Testified
in support:

- Rep.
Sannicandro

HB1104

Testified
in support:

- Lidia
Gregoret

- Jeannine
Soloman, Milton resident and Attorney at Disability Law Center

- Celina
Steinbeck, Children's Hospital Boston, Deaf Services

HB1174

Testified
in support:

- Rep.
Teahan

HB1022

Testified
in support:

- Richard
Robertson, Executive Director of Federation for Children With
Special Needs

HB4301

Testified
in support:

- Rep.
Haddad