

Union Calendar No. 202

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 4259

[Report No. 118–252]

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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 21, 2023

Mr. MOLINARO (for himself and Mr. CÁRDENAS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

OCTOBER 25, 2023

Additional sponsors: Mr. LAWLER, Mr. D'ESPOSITO, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, Mrs. HOUCHIN, Mr. BEAN of Florida, and Ms. OMAR

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Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italic]

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on June 21, 2023]

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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 “Think Differently about*
5 *Education Act of 2023”.*

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—*

10 *(1) in clause (iv), by redesignating subclauses (I)*
11 *through (III) as items (aa) through (cc), respectively*
12 *(and by conforming the margins accordingly);*

13 *(2) by redesignating clauses (i) through (vii) as*
14 *subclauses (I) through (VII), respectively (and by con-*
15 *forming the margins accordingly);*

16 *(3) in the matter preceding subclause (I), as so*
17 *redesignated, by striking “The term” and inserting*
18 *the following:*

19 *“(i) IN GENERAL.—The term”;* and

20 *(4) by adding at the end the following:*

21 *“(ii) NOTIFICATION REQUIRED.—With-*
22 *in a reasonable timeframe prior to the first*
23 *convening of the individualized education*
24 *program team for a child with a disability*
25 *for a school year, the local educational*

1 *agency that serves such child shall notify*
2 *the parent of such child that such parent*
3 *may, under clause (i)(VI), include other in-*
4 *dividuals who have knowledge or special ex-*
5 *pertise regarding the child, including re-*
6 *lated services personnel as appropriate, as*
7 *part of the individualized education pro-*
8 *gram team.”.*

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