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I do not support this bill, as it limits the ability of a student's IEP team (who know the student best) to make individualized, data-driven decisions.

- The use of an abbreviated school day is already highly regulated.
- IEP teams thoughtfully make abbreviated school day decisions and regularly review student progress.
- Parents are members of IEP teams. They have a voice in decision making and procedural safeguards/due process rights.
- IEP teams may have to consider more restrictive, out-of-district placements that remove students from their community / local school.
- Abbreviated days can benefit students in handling academic and social demands and can have a positive impact on attendance.
- Revocation of abbreviated school day by the parent at any time could adversely impact the progress made by the student resulting in an increase in student needs why the abbreviated day was determined as necessary in the beginning.