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As a retired Special Education Director who has been in the field for almost 44 years now and who has returned to work part-time with the Acton School Department, I strongly recommend that you do not support and pass this bill. This bill would require parents to give written consent to any changes in the IEP. If the parents do not give consent, the school would be required to initiate due process to pursue having the changes made. At the present time, parents already have the opportunity to disagree with changes in the IEP and have the right to file for a due process hearing, as does the LEA. Additionally, mandating that districts (LEA's) file for due process supersedes the IDEA federal requirements and will cost districts time and money that should be spent on servicing our students with disabilities rather than lawyers. Please consider these points when your committee meets for it's next work session. Thank You.