

HOUSE BILL REPORT

ESB 5276

As Reported By House Committee On:

Education

Title: An act relating to nomenclature in the common school education code.

Brief Description: Changing references from "handicapped" to "with disabilities" in the common school education code.

Sponsors: Senators McAuliffe, Drew, Bauer, Hochstatter, Sutherland, Long, Pelz, Rasmussen, Haugen, Fairley, Winsley and Kohl.

Brief History:

Committee Activity:

Education: 3/28/95, 3/30/95 [DP].

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Majority Report: Do pass. Signed by 18 members: Representatives Brumsickle, Chairman; Elliot, Vice Chairman; Johnson, Vice Chairman; Cole, Ranking Minority Member; Poulsen, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Clements; Dickerson; G. Fisher; Hatfield; McMahan; Pelesky; Quall; Radcliff; Smith; Talcott; B. Thomas; Thompson and Veloria.

Staff: Robert Butts (786-7111).

Background: In 1990, Congress amended the federal special education laws. The term "handicapped" was replaced with the term "disability."

Summary of Bill: Terminology used in the common school provisions is changed. The term "handicapped" is replaced with the term "disability." The term "special education" is inserted to clarify that the educational program students with disabilities can qualify for is the special education program.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Testimony For: None.

Testimony Against: None.

Testified: None.