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TO: Joint Committee on Education
FROM: Senator William N. Brownsberger *W.N.B.*
RE: House Bill 344
DATE: September 18, 2013

I am writing in favor of H344, An Act to increase capacity to address the complex needs of students with autism.

This legislation will require the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to provide an endorsement in autism, such that the individualized education program (IEP) for every student with autism will include a special education teacher with an endorsement in autism. This will help to improve services provided to children with autism.

I urge the Committee to report this legislation favorably.

