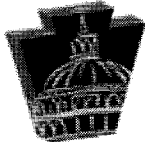


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A new message has arrived from the IRRC Website

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Subject: Oppose IRRC #2536

Message:

I oppose IRRC #2536 as it does not appear to sufficiently address enforcement for non-compliance for PA school districts. I strongly endorse government enforcement of gifted education and know its benefits from first-hand experience. I know that it can be done and benefit the schools individually as well as public education collectively in the commonwealth. I worked for several years for the Dept. of L&I as a trainer in the late 1980's and early 1990's, focusing on the PA Right to Know Law. This law and its regulations gave employees who worked with hazardous chemicals the information about the chemicals and protective equipment they should use. I saw first-hand that training and if non-compliant, enforcement of regulations was what employers were required to do and they did it because they had to. They adhered to both the intent and the letter of the law and more so the intent if they truly understood the reasons why it was a "good thing". And, by state government providing the tools and personnel to assist them, they were able to do this within a reasonable cost structure and avoid consulting fees and headaches. As a state-wide and local PAGE/ Penna Assn for Gifted Education member, I do not support its current position. The way that I am interpreting the amendments would not provide for school districts to do any more than they are now doing volutarly and as my district superintendent stated in a meeting when we asked her what the parents could do to support the program was, "Who do these kids think they are? They are not special nor deserve anything that others do not get." Whatever that is supposed to mean? Thank you and regards, Barb Umbrell Cousins