

HB 711 -- SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

SPONSOR: Wood

This bill requires school districts to continue services with Part C early intervention system providers for the remainder of the school year for such child if the parent or guardian of the child requests continuation of services with the provider for the remainder of the year.

The parent or guardian of any child who is entitled to habilitative services through an individualized education program (IEP) will not be required to accept the school district as the provider of those services. The parent or guardian may choose any provider for such services with whom the district may contract under Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. The school district will contract with the provider that the parent or guardian chooses and will not require the parent or guardian to pay for those services. However, if the parent or guardian chooses a provider who is geographically located outside the boundaries of the school district, the district will not be responsible for providing transportation to the child. The school district will provide out of district transportation if the district chooses to contract with a provider located out of the district and the parent or guardian accepts that choice.