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Senate Education Committee

Support for Senate Bill-319

Senator Molly Baumgardner, Chair

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Sometimes, the agency calls for a bed for a child to sleep in which is a form of emergency respite. The next morning when they pick the child up they take the child to the local office and have her sit all day because she does not have a permanent placement which means she is no longer in school. This is especially true among children that come to us from surrounding cities.

Children that are not placed in a home for permanent placement are not allowed to enroll because we do not have a placement agreement for them. Therefore, they go back to the agency and sit there all day. I would like to see a bill that will allow a child to go to school from the agency's address so that we can cut down on children not in school and that will in-turn boost testing scores, self-esteem and a feeling of belonging. Unfortunately, this is a vicious cycle which many times cause a child to miss 30 days of school at a time.

Thank you, Katherine Love

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