## Testimony on HB 2487- Written Only Proponent Senate Education Committee March 10, 2020 1:30 PM

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Chairman Baumgardner and Members of the Senate Education Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify as a proponent of HB 2487. The bill would change a reference to 'emotional disturbance' to 'emotional disability' in the statute which defines 'children with disabilities' and 'individual with disabilities'

The change in language required by HB 2487 will define the disability of a child or other individual rather than describing a child's or an individual's behavior. This change also brings the definition into line with other identified disabilities.

Thank you for your time.