



***Substitute House Bill No. 5353***

***Public Act No. 12-173***

***AN ACT CONCERNING INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND OTHER ISSUES RELATING TO SPECIAL EDUCATION.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Sec. 11. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The individualized education program for any child identified as deaf or hearing impaired shall include a language and communication plan developed by the planning and placement team for such child. Such language and communication plan shall address: (1) The primary language or mode of communication chosen for the child, (2) opportunities for direct communication with peers and professional personnel in the primary language or mode of communication for the child, (3) educational options available to the child, (4) the qualifications of teachers and other professional personnel administering such plan for the child, including such teacher's or personnel's proficiency in the primary language or mode of communication for the child, (5) the accessibility of academic instruction, school services and extracurricular activities to the child, (6) assistive devices and services for the child, and (7) communication and physical environment accommodations for the child.

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