



## Please join the Governor's Council in supporting HB 76: A bill to update our enabling statute by removing the word "gifted."

### **GOAL**

To remove the term "gifted" from the Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education's enabling statute.

### **WHAT IS IT?**

HB 76 is a bill allowing the Governor's Council to update our enabling statute to more accurately reflect the work that we do for individuals with disabilities and our State and Federal obligation to oversee special educational programs.

### **WHY IS IT NEEDED?**

- Gifted children are not eligible for additional services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) or the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).
- The Governor's Council serves as the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) Special Education Advisory Panel, the Interagency Coordinating Council for Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities, and the governing board of the Special Education Service Agency in Alaska. These are special education grants and programs.
- Exceptionality is not a disability that entitles students to special education. Gifted education is a regular education program and because of this we cannot provide oversight for gifted programs in the state.

**Please support HB 76 and help the Governor's Council  
remove the word "gifted" from our enabling statutes.**