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Call to Action: Oppose HB3772 - ISBE Suspension Bill

IASB is reaching out with an **URGENT** request to **file opposition witness slips** on [HB3772 \(Sen. Lightford\)](#), the Illinois State Board of Education's bill to limit suspensions for students in grades K-2. Although there have been revisions to the proposal, ISBE has maintained its position on language that would limit suspensions to the amount of time necessary to design and implement a behavior intervention plan (BIP) or safety plan for the student. However, IASB has remaining concerns with the lack of clarity on this new limitation related to length of suspensions and impact on the timeline.

Why it matters:

- Effective BIPs require time, data, and collaboration. National experts (NASP, PBIS.org) recommend 10–14 school days for even basic assessments as precursors to developing these plans.
- Rushed or superficial plans risk being ineffective and disrupt learning for all students in the classroom.
- This provision creates unrealistic timelines that ignore current staffing shortages, may pressure schools to prioritize speed over quality, and put school leaders in an impossible position to predict the time needed to design and implement plans.
- A suspension does not mean a BIP or Safety Plan has failed — it may mean the plan needs time to work.

File a Witness Slip in Opposition

To fill out a witness slip:

- Click on the button above and fill out the Identification portion of the form with your information.
- Under the Firm/Business or Agency please put your school district
- Under Representation, type “myself” or “self”
- Under the drop down in description please select “House Amendment 1”
- Under Position, click on “Opponent” and “Record of Appearance Only” under Testimony. Click on the Terms of Agreement and then Create (Slip)

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