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As a pediatric occupational therapist, I am writing to you for your support with HB 3007. Research shows that acquired or traumatic brain injuries differ in children and adolescents from those of adults. (<https://msktc.org/tbi/factsheets/returning-school-after-traumatic-brain-injury>) Many children leave the hospital or rehabilitation setting with limited support as they re-enter their school and community.

HB 3007 will help students recovering from brain injuries by requiring schools to provide appropriate, person-centered, academic, behavioral, social, emotional, and physical accommodations to ensure the student has the best possible recovery. If unsupported, many children and youth reentering school struggle with their classwork, social interactions, mental health, and well-being, and may continue to experience physical pain. Even worse, they may be at risk for a repeat injury to their head.

HB 3007 requires a school to provide the accommodations they need during brain injury recovery. If, because of their brain injury, they need help with classwork, homework, or with their friends, the school should provide resources to provide this support. HB 3007 will help ensure that students recovering from brain injuries get the appropriate accommodations they need to be successful at school.

Please support HB 3007.

Thank you

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