

Committee on Education

CS/HB 255 — Private Instructional Personnel Providing Applied Behavior Analysis Services

by Early Learning and Elementary Education Subcommittee and Reps. Plasencia, Silvers and others (CS/SB 538 by Rules Committee and Senator Hooper)

The bill expands the definition of “private instructional personnel” who may supplement school district services to students with disabilities. The bill authorizes such personnel to include a registered behavior technician who holds a nationally recognized paraprofessional certification in behavior analysis.

The bill authorizes the registered behavior technician to provide applied behavior analysis services in a public school by assisting, and under the supervision of, a Board Certified Behavior Analyst or an individual licensed under ch. 490 or 491, F.S., and requires that the registered behavior technician be employed by an enrolled Medicaid provider.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2022.

Vote: Senate 37-0; House 115-0