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(d) INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION	(d) INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAMS-	Informational Update 7 "Individualized
PROGRAMS-	(1) DEFINITIONS- In this title:	Educational Program"
(1) DEFINITIONS- As used in this title:	(A) INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION	Developed May 2005
(A) INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION	PROGRAM-	
PROGRAM- The term 'individualized education	(i) IN GENERAL- The term	
program' or 'IEP' means a written statement for	`individualized education program' or	
each child with a disability that is developed,	`IEP' means a written statement for	
reviewed, and revised in accordance with this	each child with a disability that is	
section and that includes	developed, reviewed, and revised in	
	accordance with this section and that	
	includes	
	(I) a statement of the child's	
(i) a statement of the child's present levels of	present levels of academic	
educational performance, including	achievement and functional	
(I) how the child's disability affects the child's	performance, including	
involvement and progress in the general	(aa) how the child's disability	
curriculum; or	affects the child's involvement	
(II) for preschool children, as appropriate, how	and progress in the general	
the disability affects the child's participation in	education curriculum;	
appropriate activities;	(bb) for preschool children, as	
	appropriate, how the disability	
	affects the child's participation in	
	appropriate activities; and	
	(cc) for children with	
	disabilities who take alternate	
	assessments aligned to	
	alternate achievement	
	standards, a description of	
	benchmarks or short-term	

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	objectives;	
 (ii) a statement of measurable annual goals, including benchmarks or short-term objectives, related to (I) meeting the child's needs that result from the child's disability to enable the child to be involved in and progress in the general curriculum; and (II) meeting each of the child's other educational needs that result from the child's disability; 	 (II) a statement of measurable annual goals, including academic and functional goals, designed to- (aa) meet the child's needs that result from the child's disability to enable the child to be involved in and make progress in the general education curriculum; and (bb) meet each of the child's disability; (III) a description of how the child's progress toward meeting the annual goals described in subclause (II) will be measured and when periodic reports on the progress the child is making toward meeting the annual goals (such as through the use of quarterly or other periodic reports, concurrent with the issuance of report cards) will be provided; 	
(iii) a statement of the special education and	(IV) a statement of the special	

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related services and supplementary aids and	education and related services and	
services to be provided to the child, or on	supplementary aids and services,	
behalf of the child, and a statement of the	based on peer-reviewed	
program modifications or supports for school	research to the extent	
personnel that will be provided for the child	practicable, to be provided to the	
	child, or on behalf of the child, and	
(I) to advance appropriately toward attaining	a statement of the program	
the annual goals;	modifications or supports for	
(II) to be involved and progress in the general	school personnel that will be	
curriculum in accordance with clause (i) and to	provided for the child	
participate in extracurricular and other	(aa) to advance appropriately	
nonacademic activities; and	toward attaining the annual	
(III) to be educated and participate with other	goals;	
children with disabilities and nondisabled	(bb) to be involved in and	
children in the activities described in this	make progress in the general	
paragraph;	education curriculum in	
	accordance with subclause (I)	
	and to participate in	
	extracurricular and other	
	nonacademic activities; and	
	(cc) to be educated and	
	participate with other children	
	with disabilities and	
	nondisabled children in the	
	activities described in this	
	subparagraph;	
(iv) an explanation of the extent, if any, to	(V) an explanation of the extent, if	
which the child will not participate with	any, to which the child will not	
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nondisabled children in the regular class and in the activities described in clause (iii);	participate with nondisabled children in the regular class and in the activities described in subclause (IV)(cc);	
 (v)(I) a statement of any individual modifications in the administration of State or districtwide assessments of student achievement that are needed in order for the child to participate in such assessment; and (II) if the IEP Team determines that the child will not participate in a particular State or districtwide assessment of student achievement (or part of such an assessment), a statement of (aa) why that assessment is not appropriate for the child; and (bb) how the child will be assessed; 	 (VI)(aa) a statement of any individual appropriate accommodations that are necessary to measure the academic achievement and functional performance of the child on State and districtwide assessments consistent with section 612(a)(16)(A); and (bb) if the IEP Team determines that the child shall take an alternate assessment on a particular State or districtwide assessment of student achievement, a statement of why(AA) the child cannot participate in the regular assessment selected is appropriate for the child; 	
(vi) the projected date for the beginning of the	(VII) the projected date for the	

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services and modifications described in clause (iii), and the anticipated frequency, location, and duration of those services and modifications; (vii) (I) beginning at age 14, and updated annually, a statement of the transition service needs of the child under the applicable components of the child's IEP that focuses on the child's courses of study (such as participation in advanced-placement courses or a vocational education program);	beginning of the services and modifications described in subclause (IV), and the anticipated frequency, location, and duration of those services and modifications; and	
 (II) beginning at age 16 (or younger, if determined appropriate by the IEP Team), a statement of needed transition services for the child, including, when appropriate, a statement of the interagency responsibilities or any needed linkages; and (III) beginning at least one year before the child reaches the age of majority under State law, a statement that the child has been informed of his or her rights under this title, if any, that will transfer to the child on reaching the age of majority under section 615(m); and 	(VIII) beginning not later than the first IEP to be in effect when the child is 16, and updated annually thereafter (aa) appropriate measurable postsecondary goals based upon age appropriate transition assessments related to training, education, employment, and, where appropriate, independent living skills; (bb) the transition services (including courses of study) needed	

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IDEA 1997 P.L. 105 – 17	to assist the child in reaching those goals; and (cc) beginning not later than 1 year before the child reaches the age of majority under State law, a statement that the child has been informed of the child's rights under this title, if any, that will transfer to the child on reaching the age of majority under section 615(m). (ii) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION- Nothing in this section shall be construed to require (I) that additional information be included in a child's IEP beyond what is explicitly required in this section; and (II) the IEP Team to include	OSEP GUIDANCE
(viii) a statement of	what is explicitly required in this section; and	

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 (I) how the child's progress toward the annual goals described in clause (ii) will be measured; and 		
(II) how the child's parents will be regularly informed (by such means as periodic report cards), at least as often as parents are informed of their nondisabled children's progress, of		
(aa) their child's progress toward the annual goals described in clause (ii); and		
(bb) the extent to which that progress is sufficient to enable the child to achieve the goals by the end of the year.		
(B) INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAM TEAM- The term 'individualized education program team' or 'IEP Team' means a group of individuals composed of	(B) INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAM TEAM- The term `individualized education program team' or `IEP Team' means a group of individuals composed of (i) the parents of a child with a disability;	
(i) the parents of a child with a disability;	(ii) not less than 1 regular education	
(ii) at least one regular education teacher of such child (if the child is, or may be, participating in the regular education environment);	teacher of such child (if the child is, or may be, participating in the regular education environment);	
	(iii) not less than 1 special education	

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(iii) at least one special education teacher, or where appropriate, at least one special education provider of such child;	teacher, or where appropriate, not less than 1 special education provider of such child;	
(iv) a representative of the local educational agency who	(iv) a representative of the local educational agency who	
(I) is qualified to provide, or supervise the provision of, specially designed instruction to meet the unique needs of children with disabilities;	 (I) is qualified to provide, or supervise the provision of, specially designed instruction to meet the unique needs of children with disabilities; 	
(II) is knowledgeable about the general curriculum; and	(II) is knowledgeable about the general education curriculum; and	
(III) is knowledgeable about the availability of resources of the local educational agency;	 (III) is knowledgeable about the availability of resources of the local educational agency; 	
 (v) an individual who can interpret the instructional implications of evaluation results, who may be a member of the team described in clauses (ii) through (vi); (vi) at the discretion of the parent or the 	(v) an individual who can interpret the instructional implications of evaluation results, who may be a member of the team described in clauses (ii) through (vi);	
(vi) at the discretion of the parent or the agency, other individuals who have knowledge or special expertise regarding the child, including related services personnel as appropriate; and	(vi) at the discretion of the parent or the agency, other individuals who have knowledge or special expertise regarding the child, including related services	

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(vii) whenever appropriate, the child with a disability.	personnel as appropriate; and (vii) whenever appropriate, the child with a disability.	
	 (C) IEP TEAM ATTENDANCE- (i) ATTENDANCE NOT NECESSARY- A member of the IEP Team shall not be required to attend an IEP meeting, in whole or in part, if the parent of a child with a disability and the local educational agency agree that the attendance of such member is not necessary because the member's area of the curriculum or related services is not being modified or discussed in the meeting. 	
	(ii) EXCUSAL- A member of the IEP Team may be excused from attending an IEP meeting, in whole or in part, when the meeting involves a modification to or discussion of the member's area of the curriculum or related services, if	
	(I) the parent and the local educational agency	

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	consent to the excusal; and (II) the member submits, in writing to the parent and the IEP Team, input into the development of the IEP prior to the meeting. (iii) WRITTEN AGREEMENT AND CONSENT REQUIRED- A parent's agreement under clause (i) and consent under clause (ii) shall be in writing. (D) IEP TEAM TRANSITION- In the case of a child who was previously served under part C, an invitation to the initial IEP meeting shall, at the request of the parent, be sent to the part C service coordinator or other representatives of the part C system to assist with the smooth transition of services.	
 (2) REQUIREMENT THAT PROGRAM BE IN EFFECT- (A) IN GENERAL- At the beginning of each school year, each local educational agency, State educational agency, or other State agency, as the case may be, shall have in effect, for each child with a disability in its 	 (2) REQUIREMENT THAT PROGRAM BE IN EFFECT- (A) IN GENERAL- At the beginning of each school year, each local educational agency, State educational agency, or other State agency, as the case may be, shall have in effect, for each child with a disability in the 	

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jurisdiction, an individualized education program, as defined in paragraph (1)(A).	agency's jurisdiction, an individualized education program, as defined in paragraph (1)(A).	
 (B) PROGRAM FOR CHILD AGED 3 THROUGH 5- In the case of a child with a disability aged 3 through 5 (or, at the discretion of the State educational agency, a 2 year-old child with a disability who will turn age 3 during the school year), an individualized family service plan that contains the material described in section 636, and that is developed in accordance with this section, may serve as the IEP of the child if using that plan as the IEP is (i) consistent with State policy; and (ii) agreed to by the agency and the child's parents. 	 (B) PROGRAM FOR CHILD AGED 3 THROUGH 5- In the case of a child with a disability aged 3 through 5 (or, at the discretion of the State educational agency, a 2-year-old child with a disability who will turn age 3 during the school year), the IEP Team shall consider the individualized family service plan that contains the material described in section 636, and that is developed in accordance with this section, and the individualized family service plan may serve as the IEP of the child if using that plan as the IEP is (i) consistent with State policy; and (ii) agreed to by the agency and the 	
	child's parents. (C) PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN WHO TRANSFER SCHOOL DISTRICTS- (i) IN GENERAL- (I) TRANSFER WITHIN THE SAME STATE- In the case of a child with a disability who transfers school districts within	

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	the same academic year, who	
	enrolls in a new school, and who	
	had an IEP that was in effect in	
	the same State, the local	
	educational agency shall	
	provide such child with a free	
	appropriate public education,	
	including services comparable	
	to those described in the	
	previously held IEP, in	
	consultation with the parents	
	until such time as the local	
	educational agency adopts the	
	previously held IEP or develops,	
	adopts, and implements a new	
	IEP that is consistent with	
	Federal and State law.	
	(II) TRANSFER OUTSIDE STATE-	
	In the case of a child with a	
	disability who transfers school	
	districts within the same	
	academic year, who enrolls in a	
	new school, and who had an IEP	
	that was in effect in another	
	State, the local educational	
	agency shall provide such child	
	with a free appropriate public	
	education, including services	

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	comparable to those described	
	in the previously held IEP, in	
	consultation with the parents	
	until such time as the local	
	educational agency conducts an	
	evaluation pursuant to subsection (a)(1), if determined	
	to be necessary by such agency,	
	and develops a new IEP, if	
	appropriate, that is consistent	
	with Federal and State law.	
	(ii) TRANSMITTAL OF RECORDS- To	
	facilitate the transition for a child	
	described in clause (i)	
	(I) the new school in which the	
	child enrolls shall take	
	reasonable steps to promptly	
	obtain the child's records,	
	including the IEP and	
	supporting documents and any	
	other records relating to the	
	provision of special education	
	or related services to the child,	
	from the previous school in	
	which the child was enrolled,	
	pursuant to section 99.31(a)(2)	
	of title 34, Code of Federal	

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	Regulations; and	
	(II) the previous school in which the child was enrolled shall take reasonable steps to promptly respond to such request from the new school.	
 (3) DEVELOPMENT OF IEP- (A) IN GENERAL- In developing each child's IEP, the IEP Team, subject to subparagraph (C), shall consider 	 (3) DEVELOPMENT OF IEP- (A) IN GENERAL- In developing each child's IEP, the IEP Team, subject to subparagraph (C), shall consider (i) the strengths of the child; 	
(i) the strengths of the child and the concerns of the parents for enhancing the education of their child; and	(ii) the concerns of the parents for enhancing the education of their child;	
(ii) the results of the initial evaluation or most recent evaluation of the child.	(iii) the results of the initial evaluation or most recent evaluation of the child; and	
	(iv) the academic, developmental, and functional needs of the child.	
(B) CONSIDERATION OF SPECIAL FACTORS- The IEP Team shall	(B) CONSIDERATION OF SPECIAL FACTORS- The IEP Team shall	
(i) in the case of a child whose behavior impedes his or her learning or that of others,	 (i) in the case of a child whose behavior impedes the child's learning or that of others, consider the use of 	
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 consider, when appropriate, strategies, including positive behavioral interventions, strategies, and supports to address that behavior; (ii) in the case of a child with limited English proficiency, consider the language needs of the child as such needs relate to the child's IEP; (iii) in the case of a child who is blind or visually impaired, provide for instruction in Braille and the use of Braille unless the IEP Team determines, after an evaluation of the child's reading and writing skills, needs, and appropriate reading and writing media (including an evaluation of the child's future needs for instruction in Braille or the use of Braille), that instruction in Braille or the use of Braille is not appropriate for the child; 	 positive behavioral interventions and supports, and other strategies, to address that behavior; (ii) in the case of a child with limited English proficiency, consider the language needs of the child as such needs relate to the child's IEP; (iii) in the case of a child who is blind or visually impaired, provide for instruction in Braille and the use of Braille unless the IEP Team determines, after an evaluation of the child's reading and writing skills, needs, and appropriate reading and writing media (including an evaluation of the child's future needs for instruction in Braille or the use of Braille), that instruction in Braille or the use of Braille is not appropriate for the child; 	
(iv) consider the communication needs of the child, and in the case of a child who is deaf or hard of hearing, consider the child's language and communication needs, opportunities for	(iv) consider the communication needs of the child, and in the case of a child who is deaf or hard of hearing, consider the child's language and	

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direct communications with peers and professional personnel in the child's language and communication mode, academic level, and full range of needs, including opportunities for direct instruction in the child's language and communication mode; and (v) consider whether the child requires assistive technology devices and services.	communication needs, opportunities for direct communications with peers and professional personnel in the child's language and communication mode, academic level, and full range of needs, including opportunities for direct instruction in the child's language and communication mode; and (v) consider whether the child needs assistive technology devices and services.	
(C) REQUIREMENT WITH RESPECT TO REGULAR EDUCATION TEACHER- The regular education teacher of the child, as a member of the IEP Team, shall, to the extent appropriate, participate in the development of the IEP of the child, including the determination of appropriate positive behavioral interventions and strategies and the determination of supplementary aids and services, program modifications, and support for school personnel consistent with paragraph (1)(A)(iii).	 (C) REQUIREMENT WITH RESPECT TO REGULAR EDUCATION TEACHER- A regular education teacher of the child, as a member of the IEP Team, shall, to the extent appropriate, participate in the development of the IEP of the child, including the determination of appropriate positive behavioral interventions and supports, and other strategies, and the determination of supplementary aids and services, program modifications, and support for school personnel consistent with paragraph (1)(A)(i)(IV). (D) AGREEMENT- In making changes to a child's IEP after the annual IEP meeting for 	

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	 a school year, the parent of a child with a disability and the local educational agency may agree not to convene an IEP meeting for the purposes of making such changes, and instead may develop a written document to amend or modify the child's current IEP. (E) CONSOLIDATION OF IEP TEAM MEETINGS- To the extent possible, the local educational agency shall encourage the consolidation of reevaluation meetings for the child and other IEP Team meetings for the child. (F) AMENDMENTS- Changes to the IEP may be made either by the entire IEP Team or, as provided in subparagraph (D), by amending the IEP rather than by redrafting the entire IEP. Upon request, a parent shall be provided with a revised copy of the IEP with the amendments incorporated. 	
(4) REVIEW AND REVISION OF IEP- (A) IN GENERAL- The local educational agency shall ensure that, subject to subparagraph (B), the IEP Team	 (4) REVIEW AND REVISION OF IEP- (A) IN GENERAL- The local educational agency shall ensure that, subject to subparagraph (B), the IEP Team (i) reviews the child's IEP periodically, 	
(i) reviews the child's IEP periodically, but not	but not less frequently than annually,	

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less than annually to determine whether the annual goals for the child are being achieved; and	to determine whether the annual goals for the child are being achieved; and	
(ii) revises the IEP as appropriate to address	 (ii) revises the IEP as appropriate to address (I) any lack of expected progress 	
 (I) any lack of expected progress toward the annual goals and in the general curriculum, where appropriate; 	toward the annual goals and in the general education curriculum, where appropriate;	
(II) the results of any reevaluation conducted under this section;	(II) the results of any reevaluation conducted under this section;	
(III) information about the child provided to, or by, the parents, as described in subsection(c)(1)(B);	(III) information about the child provided to, or by, the parents, as described in subsection (c)(1)(B);	
(IV) the child's anticipated needs; or	(IV) the child's anticipated needs; or	
(V) other matters.	(V) other matters.	
(B) REQUIREMENT WITH RESPECT TO REGULAR EDUCATION TEACHER- The regular education teacher of the child, as a member of the IEP Team, shall, to the extent appropriate, participate in the review and revision of the IEP of the child.	(B) REQUIREMENT WITH RESPECT TO REGULAR EDUCATION TEACHER- A regular education teacher of the child, as a member of the IEP Team, shall, consistent with paragraph (1)(C), participate in the review and revision of the IEP of the child.	
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	 (5) MULTI-YEAR IEP DEMONSTRATION- (A) PILOT PROGRAM- (i) PURPOSE- The purpose of this paragraph is to provide an opportunity for States to allow parents and local educational agencies the opportunity for long-term planning by offering the option of developing a comprehensive multi-year IEP, not to exceed 3 years, that is designed to coincide with the natural transition points for the child.	
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	shall include	
	(aa) assurances that the	
	development of a multi- year IEP under this	
	paragraph is optional for	
	parents;	
	(bb) assurances that the parent is required to	
	provide informed consent	
	before a comprehensive	
	multi-year IEP is	
	developed;	
	(cc) a list of required	
	elements for each multi-	
	year IEP, including	
	(AA) measurable goals	
	pursuant to paragraph	
	(1)(A)(i)(II), coinciding	
	with natural transition	
	points for the child, that	
	will enable the child to be involved in and	
	make progress in the	
	general education	
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	curriculum and that will meet the child's other needs that result from the child's disability; and	
	(BB) measurable annual goals for determining progress toward meeting the goals described in subitem (AA); and	
	(dd) a description of the process for the review and revision of each multi-year IEP, including	
	(AA) a review by the IEP Team of the child's multi-year IEP at each of the child's natural transition points;	
	(BB) in years other than a child's natural transition points, an	

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	annual review of the	
	child's IEP to	
	determine the child's	
	current levels of	
	progress and whether the annual goals for	
	the child are being	
	achieved, and a	
	requirement to amend	
	the IEP, as	
	appropriate, to enable	
	the child to continue	
	to meet the	
	measurable goals set	
	out in the IEP;	
	(CC) if the IED Team	
	(CC) if the IEP Team determines on the	
	basis of a review that	
	the child is not making	
	sufficient progress	
	toward the goals	
	described in the multi-	
	year IEP, a	
	requirement that the	
	local educational	
	agency shall ensure	
	that the IEP Team	
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	thorough review of the IEP in accordance with paragraph (4) within 30 calendar days; and	
	(DD) at the request of the parent, a requirement that the IEP Team shall conduct a review of the child's multi-year IEP rather than or subsequent to an annual review.	
	(B) REPORT- Beginning 2 years after the date of enactment of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004, the Secretary shall submit an annual report to the Committee on Education and the Workforce of the House of Representatives and	

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	the Committee on	
	Health, Education,	
	Labor, and Pensions of	
	the Senate regarding	
	the effectiveness of the	
	program under this	
	paragraph and any	
	specific recommendations for	
	broader implementation	
	of such program,	
	including	
	(i) reducing	
	(I) the paperwork	
	burden on	
	teachers,	
	principals,	
	administrators,	
	and related	
	service providers;	
	and	
	(II)	
	noninstructional	
	time spent by	
	teachers in	
	complying with	
	this part;	
	(ii) enhancing longer-	
	term educational	

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	planning;	
	(iii) improving	
	positive outcomes	
	for children with	
	disabilities;	
	(iv) promoting	
	collaboration	
	between IEP Team	
	members; and	
	(v) ensuring	
	satisfaction of family	
	members.	
	(C) DEFINITION- In this	
	paragraph, the term	
	`natural transition points'	
	means those periods	
	that are close in time to	
	the transition of a child	
	with a disability from preschool to elementary	
	grades, from elementary	
	grades to middle or	
	junior high school	
	grades, from middle or	
	junior high school	

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	grades to secondary	
	school grades, and from	
	secondary school	
	grades to post-	
	secondary activities, but	
(5) FAILURE TO MEET TRANSITION	in no case a period	
OBJECTIVES- If a participating agency, other	longer than 3 years.	
than the local educational agency, fails to provide the transition services described in the		
IEP in accordance with paragraph (1)(A)(vii),		
the local educational agency shall reconvene	TRANSITION OBJECTIVES- If a	
the IEP Team to identify alternative strategies	participating agency, other than	
to meet the transition objectives for the child	the local educational agency, fails to provide the transition services	
set out in that program.	described in the IEP in	
	accordance with paragraph	
	(1)(A)(i)(VIII), the local	
	educational agency shall	
	reconvene the IEP Team to	
	identify alternative strategies to	
(6) CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES IN ADULT	meet the transition objectives for	
PRISONS-	the child set out in the IEP.	
(A) IN CENERAL. The following requirements		
(A) IN GENERAL- The following requirements do not apply to children with disabilities who	(7) CHILDREN WITH	
are convicted as adults under State law and	DISABILITIES IN ADULT	
incarcerated in adult prisons:	PRISONS-	
	(A) IN GENERAL- The following requirements	
(i) The requirements contained in section	shall not apply to children	
612(a)(17) and paragraph $(1)(A)(v)$ of this	with disabilities who are	
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subsection (relating to participation of children	convicted as adults under	
with disabilities in general assessments).	State law and	
	incarcerated in adult	
(ii) The requirements of subclauses (I) and (II)	prisons:	
of paragraph (1)(A)(vii) of this subsection	(i) The requirements	
(relating to transition planning and transition	contained in section	
services), do not apply with respect to such	612(a)(16) and	
children whose eligibility under this part will end, because of their age, before they will be	paragraph (1)(A)(i)(VI) (relating to	
released from prison.	participation of	
released norm prison.	children with	
	disabilities in general	
	assessments).	
	(ii) The requirements	
	of items (aa) and (bb)	
	of paragraph	
	(1)(A)(i)(VIII) (relating	
	to transition planning	
	and transition	
	services), do not apply	
	with respect to such children whose	
	eligibility under this	
	part will end, because	
	of such children's	
	age, before such	
(B) ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENT- If a child	children will be	
with a disability is convicted as an adult under	released from prison.	

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State law and incarcerated in an adult prison, the child's IEP Team may modify the child's IEP or placement notwithstanding the requirements of sections $612(a)(5)(A)$ and 614(d)(1)(A) if the State has demonstrated a bona fide security or compelling penological	(B) ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENT- If a child with a disability is convicted as an adult under State law and incarcerated in an adult	
interest that cannot otherwise be accommodated.	prison, the child's IEP Team may modify the child's IEP or placement notwithstanding	
(e) CONSTRUCTION- Nothing in this section shall be construed to require the IEP Team to include information under one component of a	the requirements of sections 612(a)(5)(A) and paragraph (1)(A) if the State has	
child's IEP that is already contained under another component of such IEP.	demonstrated a bona fide security or compelling penological interest that	
(f) EDUCATIONAL PLACEMENTS- Each local educational agency or State educational agency shall ensure that the parents of each	cannot otherwise be accommodated.	
child with a disability are members of any group that makes decisions on the educational placement of their child.	(e) EDUCATIONAL PLACEMENTS-Each local educational agency or State educational agency shall ensure that the parents of each child with a disability are members of any group that makes decisions on the educational placement of their child.	
	(f) ALTERNATIVE MEANS OF MEETING PARTICIPATION- When conducting IEP team meetings and placement meetings	

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	pursuant to this section, section 615(e), and section 615(f)(1)(B), and carrying out administrative matters under section 615 (such as scheduling, exchange of witness lists, and status conferences), the parent of a child with a disability and a local educational agency may agree to use alternative means of meeting participation, such as video conferences and conference calls.	