



SHARED SERVICES ARRANGEMENTS AFTER SB 1367: DEAD OR ALIVE?

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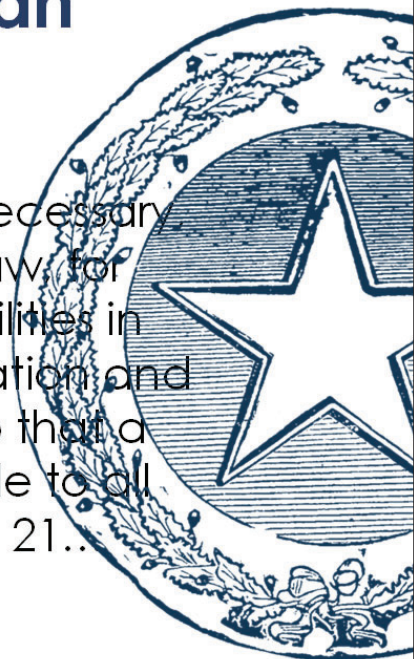
As a condition of receiving federal funds, Texas is responsible for the provision of a free appropriate public education (FAPE) to children between the ages of 3 and 21 in accordance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).



| Special Education Statewide Plan

Texas Education Code (TEC) 29.001

"The agency shall develop, and modify as necessary, a statewide design, consistent with federal law, for the delivery of services to children with disabilities in this state that includes rules for the administration and funding of the special education program so that a free appropriate public education is available to all of those children between the ages of 3 and 21..



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...The statewide design shall include the provision of services **primarily through school districts and shared services arrangements**, supplemented by regional education service centers."



Shared Services Arrangement (SSA)

Basic Definition:

An agreement between two or more Local Education Agencies to jointly operate special education services



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