## House Bill 96: FY 2026-2027 Biennial Operating Budget

## House Finance Committee Representative Brian Stewart, Chair Thursday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025

## Henry Welsh, child who has received the S.U.C.C.E.S.S. Approach

Hello. I am Henry Welsh. I have been getting the SUCCESS approach since I was a little kid and I am grateful for what they have taught me. I have Autism but that is just part of me, just like my dad has brown hair or my sister has blue eyes. Sometimes it is hard to have Autism because I have a hard time coping with loud noises, or specific sounds and controlling my emotions is hard. I know that I can ask for a break, go to a calm down area, use headphones, squeeze my hands, or walk away and ignore it. I have helped others when they are having a hard time too. I don't like seeing people struggle.

Sometimes understanding what people say or mean can be confusing too. For instance, I just learned what it means "I should put myself in his shoes." Which means to try to understand what others may be feeling. I am learning more every day.

I want others to be happy and healthy. All my friends have things that they may be having a hard time on too like if they are stressed, anxious, or feeling emotional. It is sometimes hard to figure out how to handle these things but having someone to help you like your parents or teachers is helpful. I am happy and plan to work as a video editor in my life, and be a movie producer.

Thank you for your time today, and people with Autism, I feel you.