

Favorable with Amendments HB-350 Public Schools – Reporting of Sexual Misconduct, Stalking, and Harassment

Families Advocating Intelligent Registries (FAIR) seeks rational, constitutional sexual offense laws and policies for persons accused and convicted of sexual offenses. We have one concern which we hope can be addressed through amendment.

FAIR agrees that it is important for a school to properly record and report instances of sexual misconduct, stalking or harassment which they see taking place on school grounds. Just as they do with any other incident such as an injury, or bullying, it is important to communicate details to the student or staff person, and adopt a policy that specifies an appropriate administrative penalty.

Our concern is that one key participant is left out of this new language: the accused person. This is a very serious oversight, considering that the actions being reported could also result in criminal charges. In addition to providing a copy of the incident report to the victim or to the victim's parent, <u>a copy should also be provided to the accused</u>.

With this critical change, FAIR would support this bill.

Sincerely,

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