

Members of the House Health and Government Operations Committee:

I am writing today to urge you to provide a FAVORABLE report for HB 65, Public Schools - Medical and Psychological Treatment in School-Based Health Centers and Public Schools - Parental Notice.

All staff within public schools are required under current regulation to report any suspicion of child abuse. A requirement for collaboration between a student and their families/parents/legal guardians for all medical services (including mental health services) performed within a school setting will protect both the student and the school system. Parents/legal guardians are the ones most familiar with their child's medical history and play a vital and integral part of any successful treatment, both new and ongoing.

Again, I am respectfully asking the committee to provide a FAVORABLE report for HB65 - Public Schools - Medical and Psychological Treatment in School-Based Health Centers and Public Schools - Parental Notice.

Thank you so much for your time,

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