

Written Testimony for SB 78: Juvenile Child Sex Offenders - Juvenile Sex Offender Registry and Prohibition on In-Person School Attendance: Please VOTE YES on this bill.

Dear Judicial Proceedings Committee:

This bill reads: "...IF A CHILD HAS BEEN **CONVICTED OR ADJUDICATED DELINQUENT** OF RAPE OR A SEXUAL OFFENSE THAT, IF COMMITTED BY AN ADULT, WOULD CONSTITUTE A FELONY, THE CHILD IS PROHIBITED FROM IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE AT A PUBLIC SCHOOL OR A NONPUBLIC SCHOOL THAT RECEIVES STATE FUNDS. EACH LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM SHALL PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS FOR CHILDREN PROHIBITED FROM IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION..."

I agree with this bill and the reason it was sponsored: the safety of our children. Our first and foremost "job" as a parent is to protect our children. This bill will help all parents do this. I do not feel that my child(ren) or anyone else's child(ren) would be safe attending school with another child that has been charged with a crime of violence. It would mean that the State has enough evidence to bring charges against that child for a violent crime. This is not a circumstance where someone is simply saying that a child did something. This is a case where there is actual evidence that a child has committed an act of violence against another person. It is incumbent upon us as a society, and as a community, to keep all children safe while they are attending school.

Please **VOTE YES** on this bill so that it helps keep all of our children safe from violence!!

Thank you.

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