

Written Testimony

HB 0526

Definitions and Notifications of Reportable Offenses

Every day we hear how our public schools have become more dangerous to our children and students are involved in fights, beatings, etc. These acts occur in restrooms, hallways, classrooms and on athletic fields. This creates not only a threatening environment, but causes are students and teachers to be afraid of entering school buildings. Students cannot learn under these conditions; teachers cannot teach.

Yet, we are told that these violent acts can not be “reported” because they occur on school property. This is ridiculous.

Violence and criminality are violence and criminality no matter if they occur on or off school property.

We support this bill to give schools and law enforcement the tools they need to keep students accountable for their violent acts and to keep students and teachers safe.

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