

## Testimony Against HB0627

Honorable Delegates

Please enter an unfavorable report against HB0627.

I do not support exempting students from penalties related to disruptive or threatening behavior at educational institutions, such as:

1. Willfully disturbing or preventing the orderly conduct of activities, administration, or classes at educational institutions.
2. Molesting or threatening bodily harm to students, employees, or others on school grounds, vehicles, or at school-sponsored activities.
3. Threatening bodily harm to educational employees at their home, via any means, disturbing classes or threatening harm to others.

Under current law, violations would result in fines or imprisonment, but this bill would remove those penalties for students who attend the school or students who are visiting the school as part of extracurricular or sporting activities.

I am aghast that such a bill would be proposed again. I cannot envision any reason that students who do these violent actions would be exempt from the penalties listed in current law.

We are already seeing increased violence by our youth who seem to think that there are no serious consequences for any criminal actions they commit.

While punishment for student-aged people committing violence outside schools or off school grounds rarely occurs because of recent law changes, please help keep schools be a safer place by not removing the current penalties for school violence committed by students.

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