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RE: HB0137

Dear Ways and Means Committee:

School safety is the most important factor to successful learning. The pursuit of education is not merely a right, but it is a privilege which carries with it the respect of the guidelines governing personal behavior, responsibility, and willingness to learn.

As legislators, it is a responsibility to ensure that our citizens are safe. If a student poses a threat to others having been convicted in committing an act of violence, that student should be prohibited from attending a regular public school setting with others and placed in an alternative setting such as remote distant learning from home. This would be responsible until that student, if ever, demonstrates expected civil conduct and respect for others.

To that end, the DPTC favorably supports HB0137 as responsible educational legislation.

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