

I strongly oppose HB620 because students safety is at risk.

1. Weakens School Safety Measures

- The bill **narrows** the definition of "reportable offenses" to include only crimes of violence, removing other serious offenses (e.g., drug distribution, weapons violations, burglary, gang-related crimes).
- Schools may not be properly informed about dangerous or disruptive students, making it harder to take preventive action to protect students and staff.

2. Limits Schools' Ability to Address Student Safety Concerns

- Currently, school officials receive notifications about a range of serious offenses, allowing them to assess risks and respond appropriately.
- HB620 **reduces** the number of cases where schools are notified, potentially allowing students with serious criminal charges (e.g., drug trafficking, arson, gang activity) to return to school without administrators knowing.

3. Puts Other Students at Risk

- Victims of crimes such as **sexual offenses or assaults** could unknowingly be placed in the same school or classroom as the perpetrator.
- Without proper notification, schools may fail to put in place necessary safety measures for victims and other students.

Please vote unfavorable against HB620!

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