

I am writing in favor of HB0068 Children Suspected of a Crime of Violence-Prohibition on In-Person Attendance.

Last year, we had juveniles who were suspects and, in some cases, convicted of violent crimes who were allowed to attend classes in public schools. In every case, the parents of other students, the students, the staff, and the administration of these schools were unaware that the specific juvenile was in the school. This is a recipe for disaster.

This is extremely dangerous to staff and other students in the school. In some cases, these students bring their violent behavior into the classroom. Other students who may hear that the student is a suspect in a violent crime will have their learning impaired by the fear that they have a violent juvenile sitting next to them.

The schools have the ability to place these students into virtual, off campus, learning venues. They need to use this ability to keep all students safe.

I support HB0068.