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Favorable – HB 1046 - School and School-Sponsored Activities – Report of Suspected Abuse or Neglect – Parental Notification

Dear Chair Wilkins, Vice Chair Feldmark, and Members of the Ways & Means Committee,

I respectfully request a favorable report on HB 1046 with sponsor amendments to require a school to provide timely notice to a parent or guardian if Child Protective Services is contacted by a mandated reporter under certain conditions. This requirement applies only if the suspected abuse occurs at a school or school-sponsored activity and the parent or guardian is not the subject of the report.

Currently, only a few school systems have policies requiring notification to parents or guardians under these circumstances. No systems have policies requiring the administration to advise the parent or guardian that the child may need medical attention or requiring the notification about the suspected abuse before the next school day. Parents should never find out that their child may have been assaulted on the evening news. HB 1046 is a necessary and logical step toward child protection and parental rights.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Delegate Michele Guyton".

Delegate Michele Guyton