

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS30259 / H0140

This legislation provides public school employees with clear, consistent statutory guidance on the definitions and use of restraint and seclusion. First, it prohibits these techniques from being used as a form of punishment and prohibits the use of corporal punishment. Second, it clarifies that restraint and seclusion may only be deployed if a student has placed themselves, an employee, or other students and employees in imminent danger. It requires each school district and charter school board to adopt a policy that conforms to the statute and ensures a clear and transparent reporting requirement to parents or legal guardians. Staff directly assigned to students exhibiting aggressive or dangerous behaviors must be trained on the correct use of restraint and seclusion and de-escalation techniques. Finally, it directs the State Department of Education to prepare resources, guidance, and training modules to support each local education agency to adhere to the provisions of the bill.

FISCAL NOTE

There is no expected impact to the general fund.

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