

# Seclusion and Restraint in Michigan Schools

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Children are being harmed by seclusion & restraint – the current law isn't preventing it

ELEMENT	CURRENT LAW (2016)	PROPOSED REFORM BILL
<b>Trauma Training</b>	Not required. No training on how trauma impacts student learning and behavior.	Required: trauma's physiological & emotional effects and how trauma impacts learning.
<b>Alignment</b>	Definitions of procedures are unique to Michigan and inconsistent with <a href="#">federal guidance</a> and Civil Rights Data Collection (CRDC) federal reporting.	Definitions of procedures aligned with the <a href="#">Civil Rights Data Collection (CRDC)</a> . Ensures State and Federal reporting are consistent.
<b>Monitoring &amp; Oversight</b>	No state-level monitoring of self-reported data. No action required to reduce use.	Excessive use defined and requires creation and implementation of a reduction plan.
<b>Data</b>	Minimal disaggregation of data and minimal data available to the public.	Public data must include race, grade, gender & disability disaggregation.
<b>Emergency Threshold</b>	"Threat to safety" is too broad & often misapplied to minor behavioral disruptions.	Raised to "imminent risk of serious bodily harm" – a clearer standard consistent with federal guidance.
<b>Seclusion</b>	Allowed in emergencies despite potential denial of a Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) and increased maladaptive behavior.	PROHIBITED in all circumstances, including emergencies. Confinement rooms eliminated.
<b>Behavior Plans</b>	Schools are "encouraged" – not required – to develop PBIS plans after repeated incidents.	After 2+ restraints in 60 school days, schools MUST conduct FBA and develop a PBIS support plan.

The **Proposed Bill** offers what **Educators Need** to keep themselves & their students **Safe**.

## Seclusion



93%

Of incidents involve students with disabilities who make up only 15% of the student population.

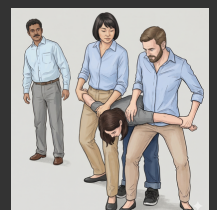
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Documented student deaths from restraints in Michigan.

158,471

Reported seclusions & restraints in Michigan since 2017-18 school year

## Restraint



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