

# 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   |
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| <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 implementaion 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 Reform Bill** offers what **Educators Need** to keep them & their students **Safe**.

## Seclusion



93%

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

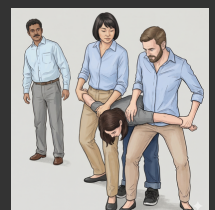
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Documented student deaths from restraints in Michigan.

158,471

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

## Restraint



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