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
Trauma Training	Training on how trauma impacts student learning and behavior is not required.	Required: Training on how trauma impacts student learning and behavior is required.
Alignment	Definitions of procedures are unique to Michigan and inconsistent with federal guidance and Civil Rights Data Collection (CRDC) federal reporting.	Definitions of procedures aligned with the Civil Rights Data Collection (CRDC). Ensures State and Federal reporting are consistent.
Monitoring & Oversight	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.
Data	Minimal disaggregation of data and minimal data available to the public.	Public data must include race, grade, gender & disability disaggregation.
Emergency Threshold	"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.
Seclusion	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.
Behavior Plans	Schools are "encouraged" — not required — to develop PBIS plans after repeated incidents.	After more than 2 restraints on a single child in 60 school days, schools MUST conduct an 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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