



Draft Bill

Seclusion

Will students still be able to access sensory gyms and calming spaces?

Yes. The bill prohibits seclusion which it defines as the **involuntary** confinement of a pupil in a room or space where they are **not permitted to leave**. This does not impact students **voluntarily** accessing sensory gyms nor does it impact their ability to access calming spaces, even if they are alone, as long as they are **permitted to leave**.

Restraint

Will teachers still be able to break up a fight, take a weapon, stop a physical assault, or stop a student from running in front of a car?

Yes. The bill allows restraint in emergency situations and lists examples of situations when restraint may be necessary including actions taken to **break up a fight, stop a physical assault, take a weapon, or stop an impulsive behavior** such as running in front of a car. All restraints need to be documented and reported.

Seclusion

Will teachers still be able to prevent students from running out of the building?

Yes. The bill prohibits the involuntary confinement of a pupil in a room or space where they are **not permitted to leave**. Teachers can prevent a student from leaving the building as long as the student is **permitted to go elsewhere in the school**.

Safety

Don't teachers need seclusion and restraint to keep schools safe?

Yes and No. In most situations, using **seclusion and restraint make schools less safe** because they can **escalate** dysregulated students, **increasing aggressive behavior**. Educators are more likely to get hurt trying to seclude or restrain a student. However, in the **exceptionally rare emergency situations** when restraint is permitted, the imminent risk of bodily harm is so serious that risking these injuries is necessary.

Approach

If schools can't use seclusion or restraint, what can they do instead?

There are **many trauma assumed approaches** designed to **prevent crisis situations** by **addressing the root causes of problems**. For schools that rely heavily on seclusion and restraint, it takes a **culture and mindset shift** in behavior perception.

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