

Legal Resources

Bills currently before Congress:

- H.R. 4247 proposed bill. Preventing Harmful Restraint and Seclusion in Schools Act
http://edlabor.house.gov/documents/111/pdf/legislation/HR4247Seclusion_Restraint.pdf
- S. 2860 Preventing Harmful Restraint and Seclusion in Schools Act
<http://www.govtrack.us/congress/bill.xpd?bill=s111-2860>

Support and Opposition to the Bills:

- 100 organizations on record in support including the Council for Children with Behavior Disorders, and the Council for Exceptional Children
<http://edlabor.house.gov/blog/2010/01/supporters-of-the-preventing-h.shtml>
- Two organizations oppose aspects of the original drafts of the bills:
 - The American Association of School Administrators
<http://www.aasa.org/aasablog.aspx?id=11118&terms=restraint+and+seclusion+bill>
 - Council of the Great City Schools:
<http://www.cgcs.org>

Secretary of Education Arne Duncan July 31, 2009 Letter

- Calls on states and schools to develop and clarify policies.
http://www.pbis.org/seclusion/restraint/arne_duncans_letter.aspx

Reports about Problems and Abuses:

- School is Not Supposed to Hurt, National Disability Rights Network, January, 2009
– <http://www.napas.org/>
- Seclusions and Restraints, U.S. Government Accounting Office Report, May, 2009
– <http://www.gao.gov/>
- Unsafe in the Schoolhouse: Abuse of Children with Disabilities, May 10, 2009
– <http://www.copaa.net/>

Recent Position Papers for Educators on Restraint and Seclusion:

- CCBD's Position Summary on the Use of Physical Restraint Procedures in School Settings
- CCBD's Position Summary on the Use of Seclusion in School Settings
– Both of these are available at: <http://www.ccbd.net>
- CEC's Position on Physical Restraint and Seclusion
– <http://www.cec.sped.org>