

Representative Kiegerl and Members of the Children and Families Committee:

Hello my name is Tracy Milam. I have a 6 year son who has ADHD and ODD. He has been having problems with the school restraining him when it is not necessary. He has a problem being around people and lots of noises as part of his disability. When people get in his space he reacts and sometimes bites or pushes because no one listens to him. The school is supposed to have him go out to a mental health room where his case manger or therapist can help redirect him. Instead, they get into his space and he reacts. This leads to them putting him in the care room (seclusion) or sending him home, which is what he wants. One of the school principals left bruises on him and nothing was done about it. As a parent that is very upsetting. I hear from other parents that this is happening to their kids' too. The principal should not be yelling at the kids either. My son cannot help the way he is or the fact that he has a disability. He is on medicine and receives therapy for his disability; he just doesn't understand how to control it. I'm tired of my child getting treated like this because he has medical issues.

I support HB 2444.

Thank you,

Tracy Milam

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