



Keeping All Students Safe Act

Protecting All Students From the Dangers of Seclusion and Restraint

Every child should be safe at school—unfortunately, that is not always the case. Each year a staggering number of students are subjected to seclusion and restraint practices. The most current data from the [Civil Rights Data Collection \(CRDC\)](#) shows 101,990 students were subjected to seclusion or restraint during the 2017-18 school year, 78% of whom were students with disabilities. The CRDC data may even be an underestimation of the actual number of incidents due to [reporting issues](#) and insufficient quality control measures. It is difficult to truly understand the full scope of seclusion and restraint incidents in schools.

The bipartisan and bicameral Keeping All Students Safe Act (H.R. 3470/S.1750) **would make it illegal for any school receiving federal funds to use dangerous restraint and seclusion practices.** Specifically, the Keeping All Students Safe Act would:

Establish minimum safety standards in schools by:

- Prohibiting seclusion, mechanical restraints, chemical restraints, physical restraint that restricts breathing or is life-threatening, and any form of aversive behavioral intervention;
- Requiring certification of staff conducting physical restraint that meets the minimum standards;
- Prohibiting physical restraint as a planned intervention; and
- Requiring parental notification and follow-up meetings if a physical restraint occurs.

Support states by providing better training to ensure student and staff safety and establishing monitoring and enforcement systems by:

- Requiring each state to have its own policies, procedures, monitoring, and enforcement systems in place to meet the minimum standards within two years of the law's enactment;
- Providing grant funding for states to establish, implement, and enforce the policies and procedures required by the law; and
- Improving state and local capacity to analyze the data and improve school climate and culture.

Increase transparency, oversight, and enforcement to prevent future abuse and death by:

- Requiring states to collect and report data on the use of seclusion and restraint annually; and
- Making data about restraint and seclusion publicly available while protecting student privacy, including data on the number of incidents, injuries, cases of death, and the demographic breakdown.

The time has come to protect all students who are subjected to these abusive discipline practices. Congress must pass the Keeping All Students Safe Act NOW!