

RESTRAINT AND SECLUSION LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE

The House Education Committee passed a package of bills addressing restraint and seclusion of students who act out in school. HB 5418 mandates that Non-public Schools must adopt and implement a policy that is consistent with the state policy developed under MCL 380.1307a (House Bill 5410) regarding the use of seclusion and restraint in the public schools by the start of the 2017-18 school year. MANS' primary objection to this bill is financial. There are professional development and training costs involved in the comprehensive positive behavior framework contemplated by the legislation. The current package of bills do not address how schools are to receive and pay for this professional development and training. MANS has received some assurance that training will be made available for ALL schools as this package of bills moves forward in the House and then the Senate. MANS staff will continue to closely monitor this bill package and provide input where appropriate, sharing the faith-based school perspective on restraint and seclusion policies.