

Senate Education Committee

Kat Bourque 271-3091

HB 556, requiring schools to post the state telephone numbers to report child abuse.

Hearing Date: March 28, 2017

Time Opened: 9:22 a.m.

Time Closed: 9:25 a.m.

Members of the Committee Present: Senators Reagan, Giuda, Ward, Watters and Kahn

Members of the Committee Absent: None

Bill Analysis: This bill requires each school and chartered public school to post a sign containing information on how to report child abuse or neglect to the division of children, youth, and families.

Sponsors:

Rep. Cordelli

Sen. Reagan

Sen. Carson

Who supports the bill: Rep. Cordelli, Senator Carson

Who opposes the bill: No one

Who is neutral on the bill: No one

Summary of testimony presented in support:

Rep. Cordelli

Prime Sponsor

- This bill requires each school and chartered public school to post a sign containing information on how to report child abuse or neglect to the division of children, youth, and families.
- This hotline is readily available from the Department of Health and Human Services.
- This effort began from a woman in Texas who was abused as a child. Several states have adopted similar legislation.
- There is nothing more to the legislation than posting a hotline number.
- Senator Reagan asked if the government would be required to send out a poster. Rep. Cordelli stated that districts could come up with this themselves. Senator Reagan stated that this would be too broad discretion. Rep. Cordelli stated that DHHS has something on their website.
- Senator Reagan believes that this bill is too vague without a poster description.

Summary of testimony presented in opposition : N/A

Neutral Information Presented: N/A

Future Action: Ought to Pass with Amendment

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