

HB 1568 -- BEHAVIORAL INTERVENTIONS

SPONSOR: Bailey

This bill defines "restraint" and "seclusion" and requires school districts to include in policy a prohibition on the use of restraint or seclusion, for any purpose other than the health and safety of students, teachers, and staff members.

The bill requires that before July 1, 2021 each school district policy shall include reporting requirements for any occurrence of restraint or seclusion as outlined in the bill. The reporting requirements include parental notification, copy of each report given to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), a right to review a report, and file a complaint of dissatisfaction as detailed in bill.

The bill also requires DESE to develop recommendations for data collection and reporting on the use of seclusion or restraint and to present those to the State Board of Education for approval. The provisions of the recommendations shall be in the annual budget presented to the legislature and in updates to the Missouri School Improvement Program.

This bill is similar to HB 1023 (2019) and HB 1569 (2020).