

HB 1023 -- RESTRICTIVE BEHAVIORAL INTERVENTIONS

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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, 2020 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, right to review a report, file a complaint of dissatisfaction, and appeal report findings as detailed in bill.

The bill also requires the board of education for the school district to hold hearings on filed complaints, and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to, upon appeal, issue a report substantiating a parental claim of dissatisfaction or finding a claim unsubstantiated.