

HB 387 -- BEHAVIORAL INTERVENTIONS (Bailey)

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Standing Committee on Elementary and Secondary Education

This bill defines "restraint" and "seclusion" and requires school districts, charter schools, or publicly contracted private providers to include in policy a prohibition on the use of restraint and seclusion, including "prone restraint" as defined by the bill, for any purpose other than situations or conditions in which there is imminent danger of physical harm to self or others. Any incident requiring restraint or seclusion shall be monitored by school personnel with written observation

The bill requires that before July 1, 2022 each school district, and charter school, or publicly contracted private providers policy shall include:

- (1) When to remove a child from restraint, seclusion, or isolation;
- (2) Requirement for annual mandatory training;
- (3) Reporting requirements for any occurrence of restraint, seclusion or isolation as outlined in the bill, including the reporting requirements for parental notification and providing a copy of each report to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE);
- (4) Notification requirement for each occurrence of a restraint, seclusion, or isolation incident to parents or guardians within one hour after the end of school on the day the incident occurs.
- (5) Protections for individuals that report or provide information about violations of policy under this section.

This bill is similar to HB 1568 (2020).