

House Education

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HB26-1264 Safety Prog for Students & Others at Pub School

Typed Text of Testimony Submitted

Name, Position, Representing	Typed Text of Testimony
Bennett Rutledge Against themselves	<p>Good afternoon Chair Lukens, and members of the committee,</p> <p>Bill HB26-1264 - Safety Prog for Students & Others at Pub School opens the door, with it's model messages, to government micromanagement of a family's right to be a family THEIR way. There are also implications which tie to the SB26-004 Expand List of Petitioners for Protection Order bill recently signed into law. Now it is possible to remove a family's ability to protect itself based on an anonymous Safe2Tell telephone tip which, due to an organizational veil, cannot hold a particular person accountable for perjured information.</p> <p>Vote NO on HB26-1264 - Safety Prog for Students & Others at Pub School</p>
Davon Williams For themselves	<p>Written Testimony “ HB26-1264</p> <p>Chair and Members of the Committee,</p> <p>My name is Davon Williams, and I previously served as a director within a public school district. I am also currently a candidate for House District 3. I am offering these comments from the perspective of someone who has worked directly within school systems and understands the importance of clear, consistent safety communication.</p> <p>HB26-1264 takes practical steps to strengthen student safety by requiring schools to provide information about the Safe2Tell program, establish written policies regarding safety reports and related student safety matters, and annually distribute guidance to families on safe firearm storage, preventing youth access to firearms, cybersecurity, and online safety.</p>

	<p>From my experience, safety in schools depends not only on response, but also on communication, prevention, and clarity. When students, staff, and families know how to report concerns and understand the safety resources available to them, schools are in a stronger position to respond early and appropriately.</p> <p>I would also encourage consideration of how reporting systems function in practice. In some cases, reports may be routed through local administrative channels before broader review. This can create challenges when a report involves individuals within that same chain of authority. Ensuring that reporting pathways include appropriate independence and multiple points of review can help strengthen trust in the system and ensure concerns are addressed consistently.</p> <p>I support efforts that improve access to reporting tools, strengthen written safety procedures, and ensure families receive consistent information on issues that directly affect student well-being. Strengthening both communication and accountability will be key to the effectiveness of this approach.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration.</p> <p>Best, Davon Williams</p>
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