



Kansas Council on Developmental Disabilities

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*"To ensure the opportunity to make choices regarding participation in society
and quality of life for individuals with developmental disabilities"*

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Dear Members of the House Children and Families Committee,

The Kansas Council on Developmental Disabilities is in support of House Bill 2444 and encourages you to pass the bill favorably out of committee.

Kansas needs a law that will provide safety for children if restraint and/or seclusion rooms are going to be used.

- Safety in terms of proper training and reporting for any school employee who has received appropriate training.
- Safety in terms of laws around the use of restraint and seclusion rooms that prevent it from becoming abusive or for convenience of the school employee.
- Safety in terms of providing parents/guardians a report on what has happened to their child while at school to allow for questions and discussion for the improved educational experience of the child.

KCDD would also bring to your attention that the Kansas Department of Education has determined that there is no fiscal impact to providing this safety to our Kansas children.

Our children are our future. Treating them with respect and dignity is a reflection of who we are and how we want them to be as adults.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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