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Good Afternoon,

My name is Toshia Day-Benner and I have worked in education for 12 years. I currently work in the special education department at our local elementary school. The LD165 act will give our building administrators more options for continued learning and building safety. My school and classroom have been directly affected. We have lost critical staff, due to them getting kicked, hit, screamed at, or bitten, on a daily basis. We have also experienced many interruptions in our daily teaching, which in turn negatively affects all students. Specifically, my students have been exposed to shutting down full classrooms and having to be moved due to an unruly student. In turn, these students are scared to come to school and they question their safety. Please consider passing the LD165 Act. All students should feel safe when they come to school. I appreciate your time and consideration.