
support for LD 2192, mandating greater disclosure of school employee conduct

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This message originates from outside the Maine Legislature.

To the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee,

I'm writing in support of LD 2192, "An Act to Protect Students by Ensuring Schools Have Complete Information About School Employees and Applicants for Employment." I was impressed to read that Cara Courchesne of Lewiston is advocating for this bill after her experience learning that someone with a long history of sexual harassment was hired at her daughter's elementary school.

While it's important to protect employees from defamation and spurious accusations, it's equally important to protect students and school staff from serial harassers. Cautious legal advice leads to attempts to quietly remove the employee to protect the district, but ends up kicking the can down the road to the next unsuspecting district that hires the employee.

Sincerely,
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