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I support this bill to keep our youngest children engaged in the education system. Ideally there would be no age limit to preventing suspensions and expulsions. As a nurse caring for patients with dementia and delirium, I learned that all behavior has meaning. Punishing the behavior without searching for the meaning is a disservice to any person suffering mental health issues, & particularly children in need of love & support.. Pushing them from the school community will only add to their stress & loss, with risks of education delays, & even arrests from more acting out.