

[I corrected the bill number as some newspapers have 1376]

Please support LD 1373. Restraint and Seclusion in public schools (corrected bill no.)

I have a daughter and grandson in Auburn and family ties to New Gloucester . I am the parent of a daughter at age 10 who was almost killed in a restraint for not stringing beads and sitting in a chair by a teacher in a self contained program Abbie's Dad John C Bowden is a resident of MAINE in New Gloucester .

This Bill is important to make sure teachers have proper training in restraint, Avoid prone restraint and never be used for a therapy or punishment but for emergency only.

Here is the link to the MA REGULATIONS

<https://www.doe.mass.edu/lawsregs/603cmr46.html>

603 CMR 46.00 Prevention of Physical Restraint and Requirements If Used

If you have any questions or need any photos and or a VIDEO OF WHAT HAPPENED TO ABBIE I CAN PROVIDE THIS TO YOUR OFFICE

I was very involved with helping to pass these regulations at the time for Massahusetts as my daughter Abigail Bowden was abused by restraints at Centerville Elementary school on Cape Cod Barnstable

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