



Testimony of

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HB 6503 An Act Concerning Pool Safety

Senator Stillman, Representative Fleischmann and members of the Education Committee,

My name is Kristen Byrd and I am a Physical Education Teacher in the Middletown Public School System and a member of the Middletown Federation of Teachers, AFT Local 1381. Thank you for allowing me to submit testimony on HB 6503 An Act Concerning Pool Safety.

I am in favor of this bill. The bill shows how proactive the state has become in the safety of our students. However, I am requesting clarity on one item; 18 C (c) Any physical education course that makes use of a swimming pool shall have at least one instructor who satisfies the qualifications of subsection (a) of this section. Any such physical education course that has more than twenty-five students shall have at least one person who satisfies the qualifications of subsection (a) of this section and at least one additional person who satisfies the qualifications of subsection (a) or (b) of this section.

I would like clarity on the following question:

- Does this mean if you have 25 students in your class or more that you need additional staff or does this mean 25 students in water?

I hope you will take my feedback into consideration as you fine tune the language in this bill. Thank you.