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PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

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Judiciary Committee  
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Esteemed Members of the Judiciary Committee:

I am writing to share my support of SB 1108: The Zero-Tolerance Safe School Environment Act, written to reduce the number of threats made against schools and the disruption and anxiety they cause for students, faculty and parents.

We need to do everything that we can to deter people from threatening the safety of children and staff in our public schools. Those who make threats of violence against people while they are either in a public school building and/or participating in a public school function are threatening the safety of children and staff. Increasing punishment for such acts is a worthy endeavor.

Even when threats of violence are not followed by efforts to make good on the threats, the very threats themselves are disruptive to the education process and also produce a level of anxiety that prevents children from learning well and staff from providing instruction well. False alarms can also make it more difficult to discern a real event from a threat, and will slow the ability to react appropriately to identify a true emergency. This is another reason for increasing the penalty for such behavior.

I urge all of you to support SB 1108 to reinforce the message that our state is serious about ensuring the safety of students and staff at our schools.

Sincerely,

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