Bill No.: HB-6998
Title: AN ACT CONCERNING NOTIFICATION OF ABUSE AND NEGLECT COMPLAINTS AND INVESTIGATIONS PERTAINING TO SCHOOL EMPLOYEES AND CONTRACTORS.
Vote Date: 3/7/2019
Vote Action: Joint Favorable Substitute
PH Date: 2/14/2019
File No.: 120

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SPONSORS OF BILL:
Children's Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:
To require contractors hired by a local or regional board of education to notify the superintendent of schools once information is received, no later than twenty-four hours, concerning an arrest of such contracted employee.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

Sarah Eagan, Child Advocate, Office of The Child Advocate:
Sarah Eagan testified in support of HB-6998 as it would provide more safeguards for children in schools who may be in contact with employees of contractors hired by schools. Eagan also recommends the bill focus on offenses that can negatively impact school children’s welfare and could stop the scrutiny of employees by preventing the notification of arrests that would have no direct relation to children. Crimes would include crimes against children, certain drug and alcohol related offenses or violent crimes.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:
See response from agency.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:
None expressed.