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**Disability Rights Wisconsin Urges Bi-Partisan Support for Legislation to Limit Harmful Seclusion and Physical Restraint of Students with Disabilities**

Disability Rights Wisconsin congratulates Senator Luther Olsen and Representative Steve Kestell for their leadership in sponsoring LRB 0122 relating to the use of seclusion and physical restraint on students in public schools. Our organization, along with other leading Wisconsin disability groups such as the Survival Coalition, Wisconsin Family Ties, Wisconsin FACETS and the Wisconsin Board for People with Developmental Disabilities are urging legislative support and co-sponsorship of this important legislation.

As the state's protection and advocacy organization for people with disabilities in Wisconsin we worked with Wisconsin Family Ties and Wisconsin FACETS in 2009 to produce a report illustrating why this legislation is needed.

*Go to this link to read about Wisconsin children and families who will now be protected under this legislation:* <http://www.disabilityrightswi.org/wp-content/uploads/2009/04/out-of-darkness-executive-summary.pdf>

We are proud to note that the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction and the School Administrators Alliance were also leaders in the development of this bill. We worked closely with these partners to develop consensus legislation. We hope this bill will receive bi-partisan support to keep both children and educators safer in our schools.

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