



Public Act 102-0339

Public Act 102-0339 amends the Illinois School Code regarding the use of isolated time out, time out, and physical restraint interventions in public schools, special education cooperatives, and special education non-public facilities.

Full bill text here: <https://ilga.gov/legislation/publicacts/102/102-0339.htm>

Eliminates the use of prone restraint* after the 2021-2022 school year.

For 2021-22 prone restraints can only be used on a limited basis as part of a behavior intervention plan.

Every school board must create a committee to develop and implement a plan for reducing and eventually eliminating the use of isolated time out, time out, and physical restraint.

School districts must submit an annual report to ISBE regarding their progress.

Requires that the parent/guardian be notified, no later than 2 days after an incident of isolated time out, time out, or physical restraint that they have the right to request a post-incident meeting.

Schools have additional incident reporting requirements.

Requires ISBE to establish reduction goals and a system of ongoing review, auditing and monitoring.

ISBE must establish benchmarks within 90 days to reduce the use of isolated time out, time out, and physical restraint.

ISBE must create complaint procedures for suspected violations of rules, including sanctions.

Requires ISBE to create a grant program for school districts, special education cooperatives, and charter schools to implement school-wide, culturally sensitive, and trauma-informed practices, positive behavioral interventions and supports, and restorative practices around time out and physical restraint in schools.

For more information about Special Education, please contact the IGAC Special Education Division at 309-671-3032.

*Prone restraint is when a student is placed face down on a floor or other surface and pressure is applied to limit movement.