

## **Introduction of Bill to Address the Use of Seclusion and Restraints in Wisconsin Schools**

Wisconsin Family Ties has been advocating for years to keep students safe in the face of startling overuse of restraint and seclusion techniques in child-serving agencies. We're pleased to announce the introduction of SB876/AB1048, a bill to make needed updates to our state's law regulating restraint and seclusion in Wisconsin schools.

Among the important changes in this bill to help protect Wisconsin students:

- Reporting data to the Department of Public Instruction
- Required incident reporting to parents
- Training that emphasizes de-escalation and positive behavior interventions
- Required staff debriefing after an incident

The bill involved multiple disability and education stakeholders working together, and has bipartisan co-sponsorship. Thanks go out to the legislators who have agreed to co-sponsor so far, and other legislators are invited to sign on as well (please let your own state legislators know!)

Since the legislative session has ended for 2018, we are looking forward to re-introducing the bill in 2019 for a hearing and a vote.

[2017 Senate Bill 876](#)