

Senate Bill 786
Restraint and Seclusion—Consideration and Reporting

Wednesday, August 16, 2017
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., 8th Floor, Conference Room 6
Nancy S. Grasmick State Education Building
Maryland State Department of Education
200 West Baltimore St., Baltimore, MD 21201

Purpose: Senate Bill 786 requires the State Superintendent to convene a task force on restraint and seclusion. The task force will consider a number of assigned topics related to restraint and seclusion, review existing provisions in the Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR), and make recommendations to the State Board and the General Assembly by October 1, 2017.

Meeting #4

Meeting Outcomes:

- Review recommendations for definitions
 - Seclusion
 - Restraint
 - Positive Behavior Supports
 - Behavior Interventions
 - Trauma Informed Interventions
- Review recommendations for the conditions for seclusion
- Discuss recommendations for monitoring compliance

Agenda:

- Welcome and Agenda Overview (1:00 p.m.-1:15 p.m.)
- Review recommendations for definitions (1:15 p.m.-1:30 p.m.) (see list)
 - Seclusion
 - Restraint
 - Positive Behavior Supports
 - Behavior Interventions
 - Trauma Informed Interventions
- Discuss conditions for seclusion (1:30 p.m.-2:10 p.m.)
 - See discussion questions.
- Break (2:10 p.m.-2:20 p.m.)
- Discuss conditions for restraint (2:20 p.m.-3:00 p.m.)
 - See discussion questions 3 and 4.
- Recommendations for Monitoring Compliance (3:00 p.m.-3:40 p.m.)
 - Minimum policies and procedures are in COMAR regulations, as are standards of monitoring compliance.
- Public Comments (3:40 p.m.-3:55 p.m.)
- Wrap Up/Next Steps (3:55 p.m.-4:00 p.m.)

***Thank you for your participation and contribution to the
Restraint and Seclusion Task Force!***

HOMEWORK—To Be Completed in Advance of Meeting: Review COMAR on Restraint and Seclusion, federal guidance, and research with primary focus on monitoring compliance with policies and procedures for local school systems, state-operated programs, and nonpublic schools in the area of restraint and seclusion. Identify recommendations for monitoring compliance. Email any remaining thoughts, suggestions, and recommendations to Deborah at deborah.nelson@maryland.gov.

Taskforce Contact: Deborah Nelson, deborah.nelson@maryland.gov (410) 767-0294

The Task Force on Restraint and Seclusion is pleased to receive oral public comment at each of its meetings. The total time allotted to public comment will generally be limited to thirty (30) minutes. Individuals seeking to speak to the Task Force will be given three (3) minutes each. Persons desiring to speak are asked to call (410-767-3678) or e-mail (carol.beck@maryland.gov) to register to speak. Registration will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. In order to make the limited time available most effective, speakers are urged to provide multiple written copies of their comments or other material amplifying their views.

Upon request, appropriate accommodations will be provided for individuals with disabilities. To allow time to arrange accommodations, five (5) business days notice prior to the meeting is requested. Please contact Carol Beck at (410) 767-3678 or carol.beck@maryland.gov if you wish to request accommodations or have questions regarding the meeting.

For copies of agendas, minutes, and resources, please refer to the website for the Restraint and Seclusion Task Force at: <http://marylandpublicschools.org/programs/Pages/TFRS/index.aspx>