



Senate Bill 786
Restraint and Seclusion—Consideration and Reporting

Monday, July 31, 2017
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., 7th Floor, State Board Room
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 #1

Meeting Outcomes:

- Review taskforce purpose;
- Review existing State regulations (COMAR) and federal guidelines for restraint and seclusion;
- Determine recommendations for prohibitions for restraint and seclusion; and
- Determine recommendations for authorization for restraint and seclusion.

Agenda:

- Welcome, Introductions, and Agenda Overview (1:00 pm – 1:15 pm)
- Taskforce Purpose—Rationale, Activities, Outcomes (1:15 pm – 1:30 pm)
- Review of Existing State Regulations (COMAR) for Restraint and Seclusion—Prohibitions and Authorizations (1:30 pm – 1:45 pm)
- Break (1:45 pm– 1:50 pm)
- Prohibitions for Restraint and Seclusion (1:50 pm – 2:30 pm)
 - circumstances under which restraint and seclusion shall be prohibited
 - schools or types of schools in which restraint and seclusion shall be prohibited
 - Small Group Discussion
 - Consensus Building
- Authorization for Restraint and Seclusion (2:30 pm – 3:15 pm)
 - contraindications for restraint and seclusion
 - who may authorize restraint and seclusion
 - Small Group Discussion
 - Consensus Building
- Public Comments (3:15 pm - 3:45 pm)
- Wrap Up / Next Steps (3:45 pm – 4:00 pm)



HOMework—To Be Completed in Advance of Meeting: Review COMAR on Restraint and Seclusion, federal guidance, and research with primary focus on prohibitions and authorization for restraint and seclusion. Identify recommendations for prohibitions and authorization for restraint and seclusion.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, August 2, 2017, 1:00 p.m. -4:00 p.m., Maryland State Department of Education, 8th Floor, Conference Room 6 (Topic: Definitions and Training Requirements)

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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>