

Senator LeAnna M. Washington

4th Senatorial District

MEMORANDUM

Date:

February 4, 2011

To:

All Senators

From:

Senator LeAnna M. Washi

Subject:

Co-sponsorship request - Abuse Identification Training

I will be reintroducing SB 30 of the 2009-2010 legislative session. I invite you to join me as a cosponsor of legislation that will help protect children from abuse.

This legislation amends the Public School Code of 1949, providing for abuse identification training.

The first step in helping abused or neglected children is learning to recognize the signs of child abuse and neglect. This legislation will ensure that an abuse identification training program is established to provide training in abuse identification for persons employed by or under contract with a school entity. Professional educators will receive credit toward continuing professional education requirements. This will give educators the tools needed to effectively be able to identify abuse, and therefore provide for earlier intervention.

Co-sponsored previously by Browne, Ferlo, Fontana, Orie and Greenleaf.

To indicate your interest in co-sponsoring this important legislation, please contact Cindie Watkins in my office by calling 7-1427 or emailing cwatkins@pasenate.com.