

SUBJECT: Child Protection Legislation  
FROM: Representative David Maloney, Sr.

I am preparing to introduce legislation that would amend the Child Protective Services Law (Title 23, Chapter 63) to remove the separate standard for school employees who abuse students, as recommended by the Task Force on Child Protection.

Under current law, school employees accused of abusing students are held to a lower standard than parents, child care workers and other accused perpetrators. In other words, some conduct that would constitute abuse by a parent does not constitute abuse when committed by a school employee. Since there is no excuse to hold any group to a lower standard when it comes to abusing a child, my legislation is intended to remove this loophole for school employees who abuse students.