

This is a bill that is small in nature but has the potential to be large in effect. This bill will allow teachers, administrators, and staff members the clear instructions needed in order to handle situations such as abuse, assault, and threats to the safety of the child. Mandatory Reporters are explained to be those who are required by law to report information that deals with the safety of the student whether it is in or outside of school hours. Clearly, there must be an asterisk detailing the plethora of ways to get out of this responsibility. There was a case in Oregon at a religious school where over 15 individuals knew of the assault case at the school, and when the police were reached out regarding her situation by the family of the victim, this was the first time they knew.

Gone need to be the days where the archdiocese, the same archdiocese that yells at parents, interrogates victims, destroys evidence, and pays off scum bags, should be allowed to do what they want because they have the money. We need a school system, we need an Oregon school system, both public and private, that not only clarifies rules, but also enforces them.

I know I am fairly removed from this, but to me it is simple. The clearer the verbiage, the neater the instructions, the easier it will be to protect the kids. Kids go to school to learn, but they are also entrusted to the school to be kept safe. Kids spent nearly half of their childhood from age 3-18 on a school campus, it would make sense that things don't always make it home.

These teachers are educated, the people are taught how to take care of kids. Keep it that way. Protect the kids.