

Please support SB409. As adults we have a responsibility to protect young people, even from other young people who would do them harm. It should not matter if the perpetrator is an adult or a student - the end result is still devastating to the victim. Anyone involved in education is a mandatory reporter, and that reporting should not be determined by the age of the perpetrator. This bill will strengthen the support for young victims by requiring that abuse be reported to authorities responsible for investigation just as it is a requirement if the offender is an adult.