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In November of 2019, after our first state volleyball playoff game, I was sexually harassed by my English teacher. This teacher was a volunteer on the volleyball team.

The newspaper headline referred to it as "offensive physical contact" which is what he was charged with. However, I'm hoping to illuminate the loophole in which caused this reduced sentence to take place.

Had my English teacher been a coach, instead

Of a teacher, he could have been charged with a felony; sexual abuse in the second degree. However, because he was just my teacher, the charges he faced were only misdemeanor.

But, what is the significant difference between a teacher and a coach? Do coaches somehow carry more authority than a teacher might?

I don't understand why this has never been addressed. Coaches and teachers need to be prosecuted equally, as they both have EQUAL responsibility for student safety, AND they both have positions of authority and power over their students/players

Passing this bill, unfortunately, will not change what has already been resolved with my case.

However, I can use my case to advocate for change, and to prove that the loophole does in fact exist.

This is a simple flaw that needs to be adjusted.

Thank you for your time, I'd love to answer any questions