

# RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Rutecki, Fleming, Nichols, Ashley, Galuski, Sabo, Weaver, Zalewski, Hoffman, Loveridge, Bayly, Herrington, Casale, Choquette, Gendron, Grant, Maloney, Patire, Wysocki

Sent To: Rules & Legislative Operations Committee Date April 14, 2026

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Resolution No. P/188/26

## RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE STUDENT SAFETY, PARENT NOTIFICATION, AND TRANSPARENCY ACT (NYS ASSEMBLY BILL A9592)

**WHEREAS**, New York State Assembly Bill A9592, introduced by Assembly member Angelo Santabarbara, seeks to enact the *Student Safety, Parent Notification, and Transparency Act*; and

**WHEREAS**, In light of some horrifying stories in December of 2025 that non-verbal autistic children were regularly confined and locked inside wooden time-out boxes, or similar contraptions, to deal with outbursts or incidents has led to some regulatory and criminal investigations; and

**WHEREAS**, The bill strengthens protections for students by requiring that parents or guardians be notified on the same day any physical restraint or use of force is applied to their child in a school setting; and

**WHEREAS**, Bill A9592 mandates that schools create timely written documentation of such incidents, including the date, time, location, duration, reason for the restraint or use of force, and any injuries or observable distress; and

**WHEREAS**, The bill further requires that any use of physical restraint involving a student with a disability be subject to independent review, ensuring additional oversight and safeguarding the rights and well-being of vulnerable students; and

**WHEREAS**, The legislation directs school districts to report anonymized data on all such incidents to the New York State Department of Education, enabling statewide monitoring, policy evaluation, and improved accountability; and

**WHEREAS**, Transparency, timely communication, and consistent oversight are essential to maintaining trust between families, educators, and school districts, and to ensuring that all students learn in a safe and supportive environment; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Rensselaer County Legislature hereby expresses its full support for New York State Assembly Bill A9592, the *Student Safety, Parent Notification, and Transparency Act*; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That the Rensselaer County Legislature urges the New York State Legislature to advance and adopt this legislation, recognizing its importance in promoting student safety, strengthening family engagement, and enhancing statewide accountability; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to Assembly member Angelo Santabarbara, the New York State Assembly Education Committee, the New York State Senate, and other relevant stakeholders.

**Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:**

**Ayes:**

**Nays:**

**Abstain:**

**April 14, 2026**