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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
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MEMORANDUM

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TO: All Members of the House of Representatives

FROM: Representative Peter J. Zug

DATE: October 9, 1998

SUBJECT: Notice of Offense Legislation

In the immediate future, I will introduce legislation to require law enforcement personnel to notify a school or child care service administrator if an employee is charged with a crime that would preclude him/her from employment at the school or child care service. This legislation seeks to address a deficiency in existing law in which there is no duty to give notice to the very people we entrust with the health, safety and well-being of our children.

You may be familiar with the incident surrounding a Cornwall-Lebanon School District math teacher who is charged with exposing himself to a woman and her two children. This incident occurred in May of this year, but the school only recently discovered that charges were pending when notice of the teacher's waiver of preliminary hearing appeared in the newspaper on the **SAME DAY** as the day the teacher was featured in a weekly article entitled "Inside the Classroom." Nearly five months elapsed from the time of arrest and when the school was actually notified. To their credit, school officials took immediate action and suspended the teacher pending an investigation into the matter.

My legislation simply requires law enforcement to give schools and child care services notice of the name of the arrested individual, his/her address, the criminal act which the person is alleged to have committed (with description), and current disposition of the case. The police would be permitted to share additional information as deemed necessary to protect public safety. Further, the notice requirement would only apply if law enforcement knew or subsequently discovered that the person arrested was an employee of a school or child care service.



The types of offenses that must be reported are the same offenses that would prohibit a person from working at a school or child care service in the first place – serious offenses like criminal homicide, rape, aggravated assault, indecent exposure, and endangering the welfare of children. Also, the phrases “employee of a school” and “employee of a child care service” are given specific definitions.

If you would like to cosponsor this legislation, please contact Jodi Marsico in my Harrisburg office at (717) 787-2686 as soon as possible. I intend on introducing this legislation before the end of this session.

From: James Mann
To: Jodi Marsico, Peter Zug
Date: Fri, Oct 9, 1998 3:01 PM
Subject: Notice requirement for school employees arrested for certain offenses.

I've got calls in to the DA's Association and am gathering information on how other states address this issue. According to the NCSL, about 10 states have something on point (it's just a question of the law fitting the facts of the Farrance case).

In case you need to have something right now, I took the liberty of drafting legislation which would require school notification if the officer knows or finds out that the person is a school employee. The offenses that would prompt a school notification are those offenses that would keep a person from becoming a school employee in the first place (I took it from the School Code).

A draft of this legislation is attached....

I'll get back to you with more information when it becomes available.

Co-sponsor mem

*people who
kids deal w/ kids*

*stat
nurserieschool*

*incident exposed to women +
two kids*

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The Honorable Timothy F. Murphy
Chairman, Aging and Youth Committee
Room 170, MC
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Senator Murphy:

House Bill 461, P.N. 481, was passed by the House on November 9, 1999 by a vote of 192-0. This legislation has been referred to your committee. In general, this legislation is necessary to protect our children.

The citizens of the Commonwealth will greatly benefit from this legislation. Thus, I am respectfully requesting that you consider this legislation as soon as practicable this session.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pete", written over a faint circular stamp.

PETER J. ZUG, MEMBER
102nd Legislation District

PJZ/kc



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House of Representatives
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Harrisburg

memorandum

Date: 04/27/2000

To: Representative Pete Zug

From: Jennifer Hoover, Legislative Fellow
House Judiciary Committee

Brian J. Preski, Chief Counsel
House Judiciary Committee

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RE: Model Letter - Moving Legislation through the Senate

As I discuss with Senate committee staff moving House bills through the Senate, I have been consistently told, "well we haven't received a letter from the prime sponsor requesting that this legislation be considered." I don't understand the necessity of such a letter in order to have a piece considered, but if this will help; why not.

Accordingly, if you have not done so already, attached is a draft of such a letter and a listing of your bills which have been passed by this chamber and await action in Senate Committee. If you decide to send or have sent such a letter please forward me a copy so that I can have it in our committee files when I go over to lobby for our bills.

Your legislation:

Bill No.	House Vote & Date	Senate Committee & Chairman
HB 461	11/9/99, 192-0	Aging and Youth - Murphy

THOMAS P. GANNON, MEMBER
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House of Representatives
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Harrisburg

MEMORANDUM

To: Representative Pete Zug
From: Brian J. Preski, Chief Counsel
House Judiciary Committee
Re: Introduction of Legislation
Date: December 12, 2000

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brian J. Preski", is written over the "From:" line of the memorandum.

I have taken the liberty of redrafting House Bill 461, which you had prime sponsored during the 1999-2000 session. Since this legislation passed both the Judiciary Committee and the House Floor unanimously it is the Chairman's intention to place this legislation as soon as possible on the committee's agenda.

Although we are currently awaiting the revised bluebacks from the Reference Bureau, I respectfully request that you re-issue your prior cosponsorship memorandum and introduce this legislation upon our return in January. My office will forward the bluebacks once we receive them from the reference bureau.

Also, could you, or a member of your staff, please inform me of the bill number when this legislation is introduced. I need this information as soon as possible in order to set this bill on the committee's agenda.

If you have any questions, comments or revisions please call.

THOMAS P. GANNON, MEMBER
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Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
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TO: Honorable Pete Zug

FROM: Brian J. Preski, Chief Counsel
House Judiciary Committee

DATE: December 18, 2000

RE: Introduction of Legislation

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "BJP", written over the "FROM:" line of the memo.

Pursuant to my memo of December 12, 2000, regarding the re-introduction of legislation, please find attached the redrafted bluebacks for House Bill 461, which you prime sponsored during the 1999-2000 session.

Also, could you, or a member of your staff, please inform me of the bill number when this legislation is introduced. I need this information as soon as possible in order to set this bill on the committee's agenda.

If you have any questions, or comments please call.

BJP:cmw

Rep
Draft of the amendment
from 90e.

House Passes Zug's Child Protection Measure

HARRISBURG—The House today adopted legislation authored by Rep. Zug (R-102) that, according to the Lebanon County lawmaker, will protect children from teachers and caregivers who've been arrested unbeknownst to parents, schools, and child care services.

Zug's measure requires a law enforcement officer who knowingly arrests an employee of a school or child care service to provide the following information to the administrators of the school or child care service where the person is employed:

- the name and address of the person;
- the criminal act that the person is alleged to have committed;
- a brief description of the act; and
- the disposition of the case.

"I'm pleased that this overdue legislation has passed the House," said Zug. "It's about protecting our students and daycare recipients from those who've been arrested for crimes that would get them fired, but went unreported to the communities where they teach and care for our children.

"Such a person can do a lot of harm to our children between the time they are arrested and the time they are brought to justice. We can no longer allow our children to be exposed to people that may harm them."

Zug's legislation now goes to the Senate for consideration.

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