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U.S. Rep. Adam Putnam (Fla.-12)

Central Florida: Hillsborough, Osceola and Polk counties

Student Protection Act HR 1829

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Here is what others have recently said about the Student Protection Act (HR 1829)

Florida Gov. Charlie Crist:

“Well crafted legislation... an important step towards protecting Florida’s children and children across our great nation from predators and in ensuring a safe and secure learning environment.”

National Center for Missing and Exploited Children:

“Brings long overdue recognition to the problem of child sexual exploitation in the school system.... Enable the school districts to more effectively investigate allegations of sexual misconduct and will also help reduce incidences of child sexual exploitation in schools by repeat offenders.”

The Florida Legislature passed a resolution April 29, 2008, calling on Congress to “support the passage of laws establishing ethical standards for professional educators and to support a national clearinghouse to provide for the reporting of data concerning educator misconduct. A national database is necessary to promote the timely sharing of critical information among states and to provide for the safety and welfare of students.

(MORE)

Recent reports concerning the problem of sexual misconduct by educators:

Read the **2004 Department of Education report** that concluded that 9.6 percent of the school children have been the target of sexual misconduct by educators: (www.ed.gov/rschstat/research/pubs/misconductreview/report.pdf)

Read the Associated Press series:

1. <http://www.theledger.com/article/20071021/NEWS/710210443>
2. <http://www.theledger.com/article/20071021/NEWS/710210485>
3. <http://www.theledger.com/article/20071022/NEWS/710220392>
4. <http://www.theledger.com/article/20071022/NEWS/710220393>
5. <http://www.theledger.com/article/20071022/NEWS/710220391>
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