

Committee on Education

HB 235 — Restraint of Students with Disabilities in Public Schools

by Rep. Plasencia and others (SB 390 by Senators Book, Rodrigues, Gibson, and Stewart)

The bill (Chapter 2022-20, L.O.F.) prohibits the use of mechanical restraint on students with disabilities by school personnel except for school resource officers, school safety officers, school guardians, or school security guards, who may use mechanical restraint in the exercise of their duties to restrain students in grades 6 through 12.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2022.

Vote: Senate 38-0; House 115-0