

Dear Lawmakers,

I work in special education in a self contained classroom.

I had a student who injured me 11 times over the course of 2 years and also injured my coworkers many times. My final injury resulted in me leaving work to go to the emergency room. I was unable to work from April 13th through the end of the school year. In this last case the principal was injured when he pulled the student off of me.

At one point there were 4 employees off work on the same day, all of us with injuries caused by this student. This student had also attacked another student in the hall resulting in 2 employees being injured while trying to protect a different student.

Over the period of time that we had this student he bit, scratched the face and eye of a teacher, hit and threw things at us. The student never received punishment for his behavior because his actions were a result of his disability. We asked many times for more support but were denied by our district.

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