

I support SB 409 as a teacher and parent. I am failing to see why anyone would oppose this bill or why private schools feel singled out. Do you not know public schools are held to even higher standards with Title IV? Do your enrolled families know that you oppose a bill requiring you to follow the laws to keep your students safe? Check to make sure you are hiring quality staff and report abuse. That's our job, it's not asking you to do anything more than keep your students safe. Yes, I feel it will keep them more safe. Right now schools get fined if a school doesn't report, that feels a lot different than if I know I will be hit with a fine. Not that I would need that pressure to do my job, but obviously some teachers do need that extra incentive to do what is right. Thank you to those schools opposing this bill for confirming what is wrong in our community and why we need this bill even more.