

I support SB 409. As a nurse I am a mandatory reporter. I am also a catholic school mother. I feel ALL teachers should be mandatory. I find it incredibly interesting that the bulk if not most of the people opposed to this bill are Catholic school teachers concerned about extra paperwork when the concern should be about the child. Imagine if something happened to one of their children and that child went to a teacher that chose not to mandatory report because it wasn't required and there weren't consequences for their actions. The damage to that child's psyche can be lifelong. Teachers are not equipped to deal with these issues which is the reason for mandatory reporting. The information goes to the people who are trained to deal with these issues.