

As a parent and an experienced childcare provider and educator, the idea that a bill could be passed removing a childcare provider's ability to suspend or expel children who are a danger to other children, staff, and/or themselves is awful! I do not want to be forced "voluntarily" to withdraw my child from a childcare environment just because my childcare provider is legally not allowed to protect them from a child who has serious, violent behavior issues. The idea of that is insane! It's punishing to the families and to the childcare provider! Most family childcare providers do not have the supports necessary to deal with children who have severe issues. I can only expect that a law such as this would result in current providers closing their doors, potential new ones being unwilling to become providers, and making childcare even harder to find than it is already! I do not want to see families or childcare providers put in any of those positions. It is unimaginable how terrible it would be for everyone involved! Please do not pass HB 2166 as it is currently written!