

HR 8494

Trauma-Informed Schools Act of 2022

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 4614	Related bill	Jul 26, 2022: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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This bill provides for the use of trauma-informed practices in public elementary and secondary schools and allows states to use certain federal funds to train teachers and other staff in such practices.

The bill defines *trauma-informed practices* to include

- evidence-based professional development that promotes a shared understanding among teachers and other staff that adverse and potentially traumatic experiences are common among students and that school-wide learning environments where all students and adults feel safe, welcomed, and supported can enable students to succeed despite such experiences;
- adoption of disciplinary procedures and practices that utilize evidence-based restorative practices that build a culture of trust; and
- activities that engage teachers, other staff, and families in a process of school-based planning to help all students feel safe and connected to the school community.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 26, 2022:** Introduced in House
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