



Mandatory Reporting in Schools is Not Asking Too Much:

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Madison- State Representative Janel Brandtjen (R- Menomonee Falls) issued the following statement regarding AB 489 relating to Human Trafficking and reporting abuse in schools. The issue gained attention recently when the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel ran a series of stories highlighting the growing problem of human trafficking in Wisconsin. Milwaukee has become known as the “Harvard” of human trafficking and a “hub” for the sex slave industry according to many familiar with the issue.

“In recent days many school districts have expressed concern with a portion of AB 489 which would require volunteers who work directly with children for over 40 hours in a school year to report child abuse. The Wisconsin Association of School Boards (WASB) feels that asking adults to keep their eyes open for child abuse is somehow a substantial burden. The fact is most school employees are required to report abuse. The Department of Public Instruction (DPI) has a comprehensive training video that is less than 17 minutes long. The video can be viewed on the DPI website from the convenience of one’s own home. It is difficult for me to believe that 17 minutes is too much time to invest in order to save a child a lifetime of suffering and despair.”

The YouTube training video can be viewed by following the link provided below.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9nnpHjOXRQs&feature=youtu.be>

Rep. Brandtjen remains committed to conservative principles, unrelenting advocacy for free market job creation and providing real representation to the tax payers of the 22nd district.

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