



# Buckeye Firearms Association

December 1, 2016

RE: Support of Sub. S.B. 297 and H.B. 498.

Chairwoman Lehner & Chairman Brenner:

Over the past four years I have been extensively involved in working with school personnel and national experts on human aggression, safety, security, and violence issues. While relatively “rare” there are serious events which if not handled properly will negate every other good our school system does.

The effects last for years and for some a lifetime beyond the event.

It is critical for the safety of the school staff and students that superintendents have the authority to prevent certain expelled students from returning to the traditional school setting.

Further, even if the offending student never commits or plans another violent act, their presence in the classroom can destroy an otherwise productive learning environment, negating ability of our schools to fulfill their primary mission; education.

Sub S.B. 297 and H.B. 498 appropriately balance the concerns of the various entities involved in this issue.

We thank Senator Hughes and Representative Kunze for their work on this issue and support the passage of their bills.

Please advise if there are any questions or we can be of any assistance.

Sincerely,

  
James M. Irvine, President

cc: Senator Jim Hughes, Representative Stephanie Kunze