

Francis Striker's Testimony for HB 2222, "Loren's Law"

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My name is Francis Striker and my family and I live in Shawnee.

Our daughter is a high school senior who is a NHS student and philanthropic within her school and the community. During our daughter's junior year, she began coming home from school extremely upset. We found out that she was being bullied by a teacher/coach at her school.

This educator verbally abused our daughter and showed a blatant disregard for her physical and emotional well-being, especially when she was injured multiple times during the course of the sport's season.

The educator also shows extreme bias toward our daughter and reacts with, at turns, anger or abject apathy when approached with concerns.

The distress our daughter has experienced due to this individual has necessitated professional health care treatment for both physical and emotional discomfort.

Teachers and coaches need to be aware of the impact their words and actions have on our children.

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