



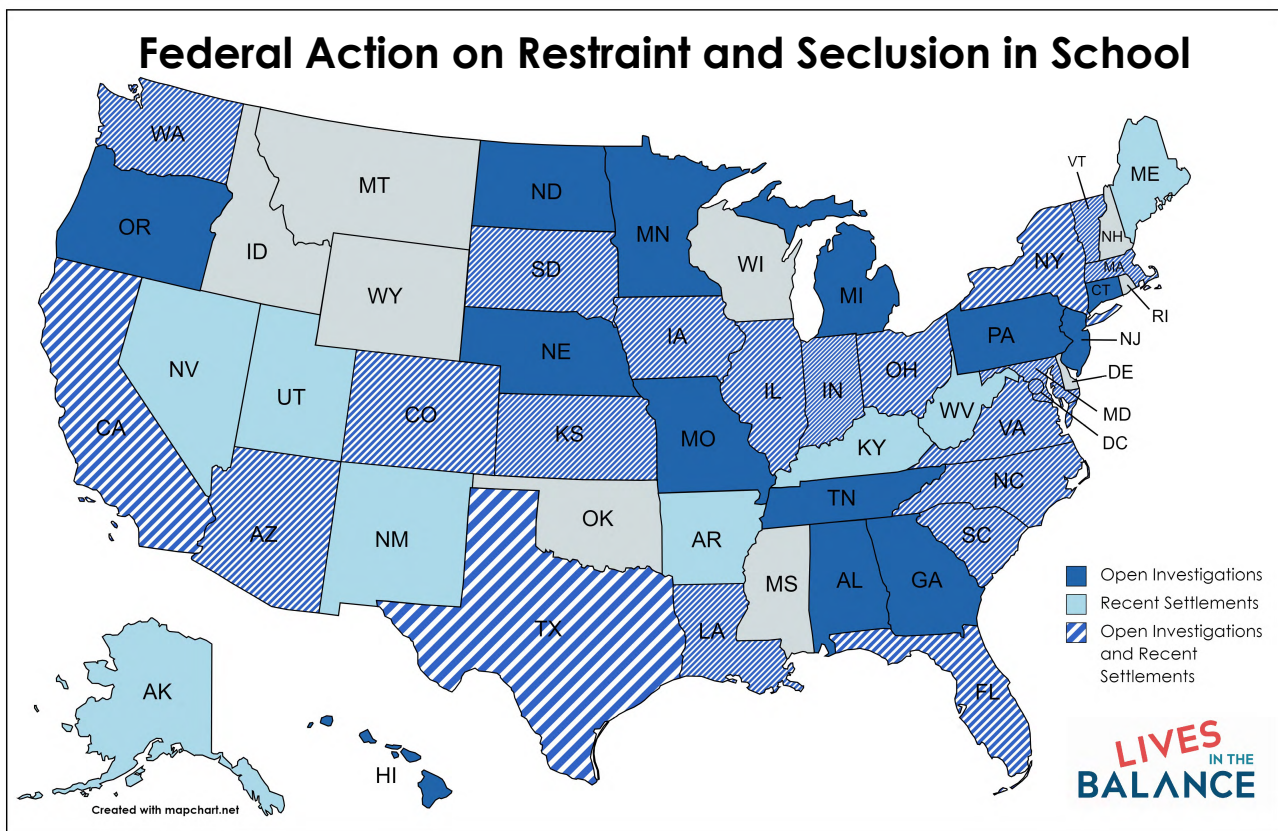
Coming soon to a school district near you?

The U.S. Department of Justice and the U.S. Department of Education have made it clear: If a school district is inappropriately restraining and secluding children, it can expect a visit.

"We cannot stand by and watch schools put children with disabilities in seclusion thousands of times and call it public education." Assistant Attorney General Kristen Clarke of the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division.

Federal authorities have reached **57 settlement agreements with school districts across 29 states** regarding restraint and seclusion in schools over the past 10 years. They are **currently investigating at least 130 school districts across 34 states**.

Are any of the schools in your reporting area being investigated or at risk? We're here to assist you in reporting on that. Visit our website for information and resources – <https://livesinthebalance.org> – and be in touch (using the Contact form on the website) if we can provide you with helpful information and resources to inform your reporting.



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