



Coming soon to a school district near you?

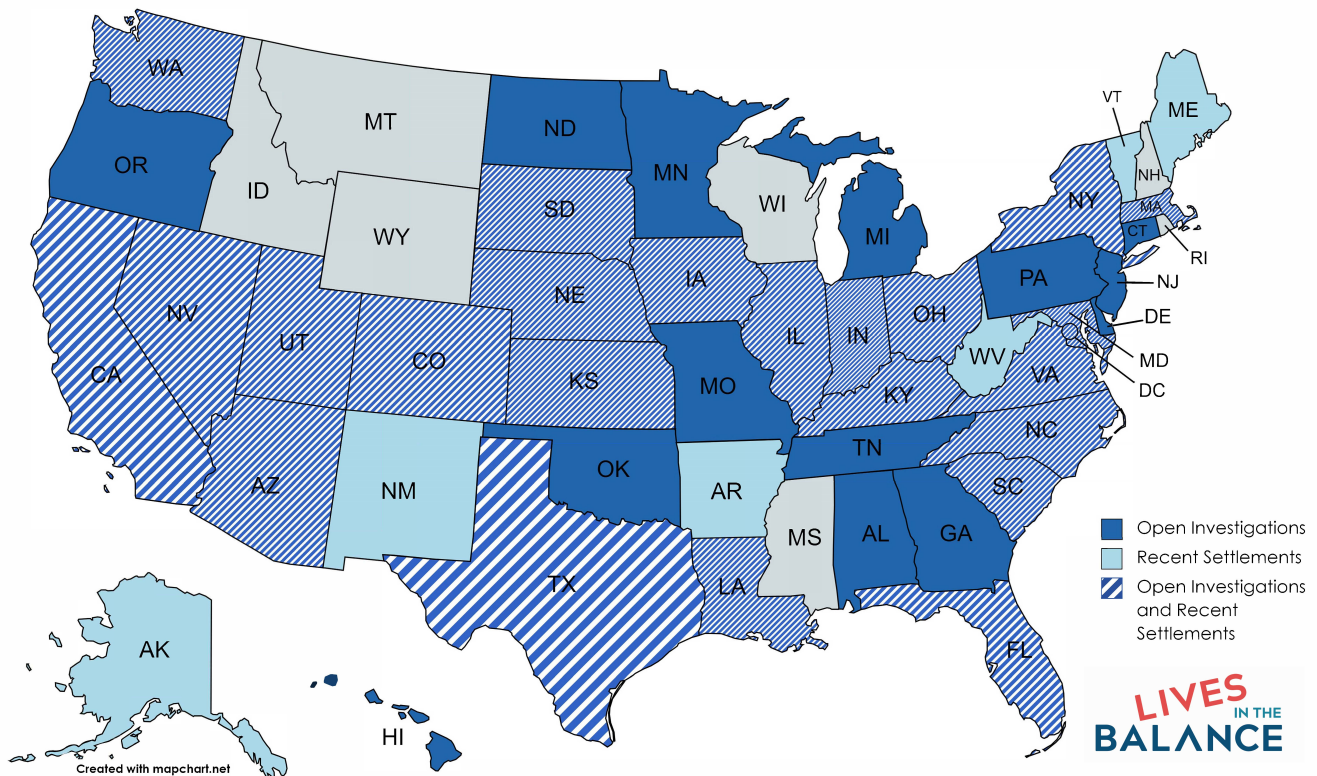
The U.S. Department of Justice and the U.S. Department of Education have made it clear: If a school district is inappropriately restraining and secluding children, it can expect a visit.

"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.

Dec. 2023 Update: Federal authorities are currently investigating or have reached settlement agreements with school districts in 43 states plus D.C. regarding the inappropriate use of restraint and seclusion on students.

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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Sources:

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