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LEGISLATIVE ALERT

H.R. 1381 – KEEPING ALL STUDENTS SAFE ACT

On April 6th, 2011, Congressman George Miller (D-CA), Ranking Minority Member of the House Education and the Workforce Committee, introduced **H.R. 1381, the Keeping All Students Safe Act** (formerly H.R. 4247, the Preventing Harmful Restraint and Seclusion in the Schools Act), which was then referred to the House Education and the Workforce Committee. H.R. 1381 is basically the reintroduction of H.R. 4247, legislation the 111th Congress passed in the House, but allowed to expire in the Senate. It is the same legislation, just with a different title. The legislation would impose federal benchmarks for states to enforce minimum safety standards on the use of restraint and seclusion in schools and programs (those receiving federal funding in any form from Department of Education or Interior), as well as interventions by untrained and undertrained school personnel. H.R. 1381 is less inflammatory than legislation introduced in past Congresses attempting to regulate the industry, but it will impact NATSAP programs and needs to be aggressively monitored. The Government Relations Committee is currently reviewing the legislation and coming to a consensus on NATSAP's position regarding it. **For more information on H.R. 1381 or to comment on the legislation, please contact the NATSAP main office or any of your Government Relations Committee members.**



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DC ADVOCACY DAY – JUNE 17, 2011

DC Fly-Ins are scheduled for June 17th, 2011, with moderate commitment of attendance so far. A day of advocacy on Capitol Hill is planned in which NATSAP program representatives and alumni will meet with Congressional Delegates and/or staff in both the House and Senate to further educate Members of Congress on the behalf of the industry. Fly-Ins need to be coordinated with program representatives, alumni, and the Alumni Council to extend our reach out of just the districts our programs are located and into those represented by delegates in strategic positions of power, such as the Senate HELP or House Education & the Workforce Committee members.

If you, your colleagues, or alumni are interested in attending and supporting NATSAP, please contact the NATSAP main office ASAP!

Follow the link below to view map of NATSAP programs and their respective target Members of Congress:

<http://batchgeo.com/map/NATSAP2011Membership>

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