



April 7, 2026

House Public Safety Finance and Policy Committee

SUBJECT: LETTER OF CONCERN ON HF 3753

Dear Chairs Novotny and Mueller,

On behalf of the Multicultural Autism Action Network, we write to express our concern with HF 3753.

We are a nonprofit serving families of children with disabilities in multicultural communities, and we strongly support evidence-based efforts to keep students safe. For many of us, this issue is deeply personal.

As a parent whose child attended Annunciation in kindergarten through second grade, and whose own child was a classmate of many of those injured at Annunciation, the issue of keeping students safe hits very close to home.

However, HF 3753 includes reliance on predictive analytics and AI-driven tools that lack evidence of effectiveness. Research has not demonstrated positive outcomes—and raises serious concerns about bias and misidentification.

This is especially troubling for students with disabilities, whose behaviors—such as limited eye contact, repetitive movements, or difficulty following instructions—have historically been misunderstood and misclassified as threatening.

We already know what works to prevent school violence:

- Trained, human-led threat assessment and early intervention
- Strong school relationships and trusted reporting systems
- Access to mental health professionals
- Practical building safety measures
- De-escalation and restorative practices

At a time when schools face staffing shortages and cuts to mental health supports, investing in unproven technology is not the right priority.

We urge you to vote no on HF 3753 unless it is amended to reflect evidence-based approaches that truly improve student safety.

Sincerely,
Multicultural Autism Action Network

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