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TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Representative Katherine Waldron (D-Greenacres) presented her bill, [HB-439](#), which gives parents the right to opt in to school corporal punishment for their child. It will also halt the usage of school corporal punishment against disabled students and will guarantee that only school principals administer school corporal punishment. Currently, 19 counties within Florida still allow corporal punishment without prior parental approval. A disproportionate number of such punishments are meted out to disabled students.

Representative Waldron says, "This bill will be an important step in providing parents with the ability to safeguard their children. It is not the business of government to stand in the way of parents when it comes to a topic so personal as the physical discipline of their child."

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