The fight continues. SB 131 was heard on Tuesday morning, June 18, 2013 in the Assembly Judiciary Committee. With a 6-1 vote the bill was passed to the floor of the Assembly.

This bill is harmful to Adventist Church schools. The bill is being vigorously opposed by the California Association of Private School Organizations (CAPSO). Seventh-day Adventist schools are affiliated with CAPSO.

SB 131 changes the statute of limitations period for suing private organizations only, in respect to sexual abuse cases, despite the fact that public schools account for the vast majority of both students and abuse complaints.

SB 131 fails both victims and private schools by ignoring the actual perpetrators of sex abuse, and doing nothing to strengthen criminal penalties against abusers or extend the criminal statute of limitations.

The Legislative Aides at the Capitol have told us that 5 phone calls/emails make a difference. Please take time to contact your Assembly members and tell them that you oppose this bill. You will most likely reach a Voice Mail, all they want is your name and that you oppose SB 131.

Our arguments about equity and fairness are gaining traction. We now need to prepare for an earlier than expected “floor fight” in the Assembly, possibly next week or the week after, before the summer recess on July 3rd. SB 131 is still only a one year window against private employers only and we remain totally opposed. We were planning for the bill to go to Assembly Appropriations and gearing up for an August showdown.
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