



## Bill would require schools to teach students about dating violence

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Pennsylvania House of Representatives Chamber

**A bill awaiting action in the Pennsylvania House** would require public schools to educate students about teen dating violence.

The proposal, sponsored by Rep. Scott Conklin, D-Centre, takes aim at educating young people about warning the signs of violence in an effort to drive down the statistics that now show one out of every three young people are victim of some kind of dating violence.

On hand at a Capitol news conference was Gary Cuccia of Monroeville, whose 16-year-old daughter, Demi, was stabbed to death by an 18-year-old man she was dating. "I believe that Demi herself didn't recognize his behavior as being dangerously unhealthy," Cuccia said. "We must not continue to be silent. The statistics are alarming. The warning signs are there."

The legislation, which awaits action in the House Education Committee, would require teen dating violence instruction to be integrated into middle and high school curricula.

For more information and warning signs about teen dating violence, visit [www.demibrae.com](http://www.demibrae.com), a Web site Cuccia

launched in his daughter's name to raise awareness of this issue, or [www.loveisnotabuse.com](http://www.loveisnotabuse.com).

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