

# Young pushing new drug abuse law

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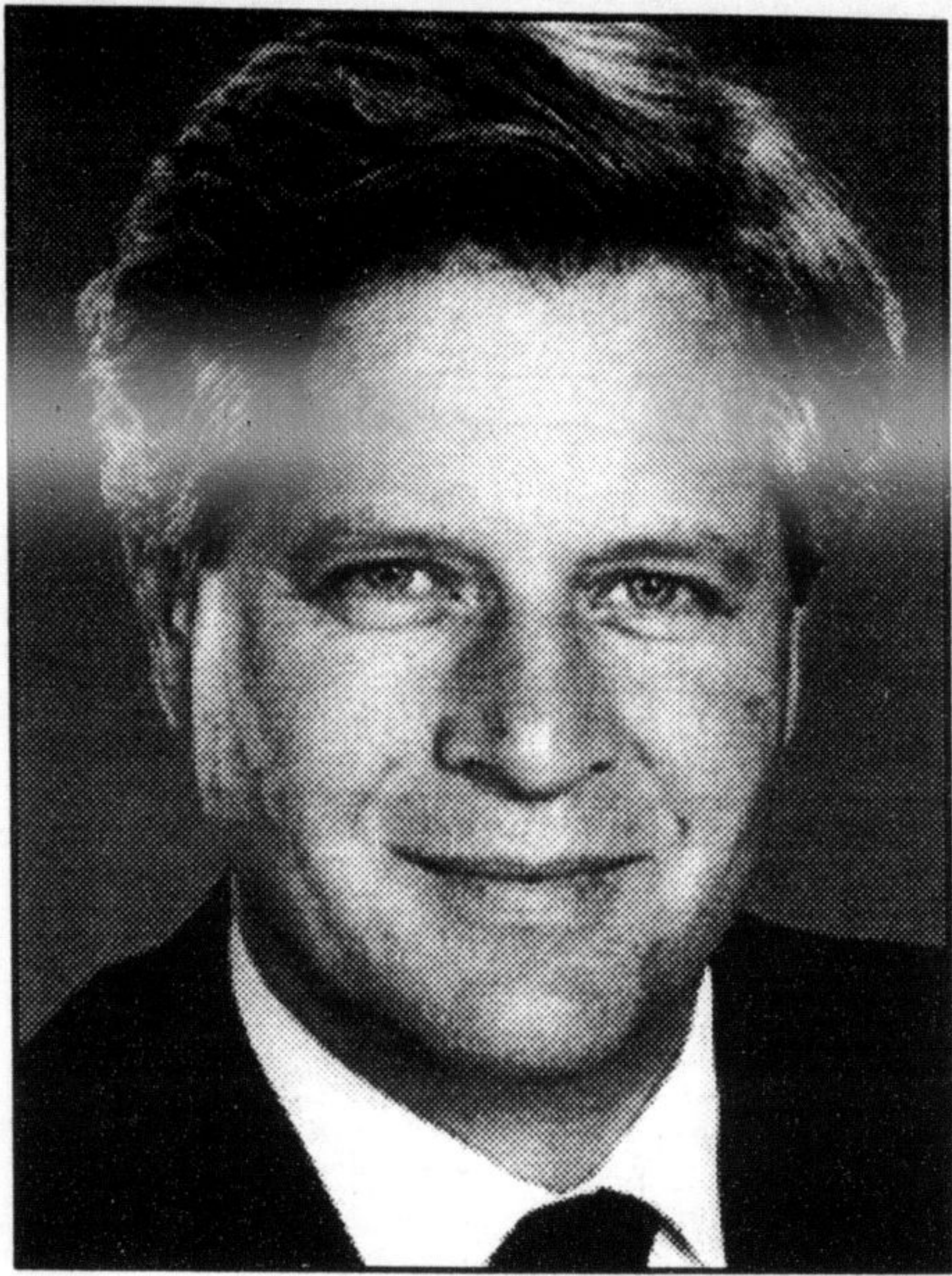
Halton Centre MPP Terence Young has reintroduced a Private Member's Bill that would give principals and teachers more power in dealing with substance abuse.  
"The recent drug trafficking charges laid on 13

youths at an Oakville high school illustrates that we have a very serious problem that is not getting better, and may in fact be getting worse," Mr. Young said in a statement.

"This bill will help bring an end to the state of denial we live in so we can start to deal with the problem." Bill 30 — An Act To Promote Zero

Tolerance for Substance Abuse By Children — passed first reading in the legislature recently, and puts an onus on educators to deal with tobacco, alcohol and illegal substances brought onto school property.

"Bill 30 gives reasonable powers of search and • see LAW on page 17



Terence Young

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"I'm disappointed to see that teachers are having trouble with a schedule that is the average in Canada," said Mr. Chudleigh.

"Other provinces find the time to support their extra-curricular activities."

Mr. Chudleigh says it's possible that teachers may be concerned with the speedy pace of reform rather than it's content.

"I think all teachers are concerned about the speed the new curriculum is being implemented but for every day or week or month we delay, we're putting more kids through who are not receiving the best education," he said.

"I think the average teacher will be happy to teach a student who can read and write."

He said it is up to the school board, not the government, to decide how to run school sports programs.

"I don't run the school board," said Mr. Chudleigh. "The school boards do."

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