The Headline:  
‘Being Scared of Children’ is Not Valid Excuse for Teacher to Stop Teaching

The storyline:  Do you know how some teachers are a good fit for high school, and others prefer elementary school? Well, a high school teacher in Ohio knows that feeling very well. When the district office transferred her to the middle school, the little ones made her blood pressure shoot through the roof.

The teacher explained that this wasn’t just because middle students can be a handful, but rather because she had a legitimate fear of younger children. Apparently, once the kids hit their teenage years, she was okay.

The school board didn’t except her “phobia” as a legitimate reason to stop teaching, and the courts agreed. I guess the legal argument is that if she wasn’t scared of high schoolers, then she wasn’t scared of anything!