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Bill Summary

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Overview

Requires school districts to report incidents involving a student's physical assault of a teacher. Requires the education commissioner to include aggregated assault data in the annual school performance reports. Establishes a "Victims of School Violence" fund to compensate teachers and other public school or district employees for medical and legal costs. Affirms a teacher's interest in knowing about students in the classroom who have physically assaulted a teacher or other district employee and affirms a teacher's ability to remove students from the class. Appropriates money.

Section

1 Report to commissioner of education.

Subd. 1. Exclusions and expulsions; physical assaults. Directs school boards to submit an electronic report to the education commissioner on incidents involving a student's physical assault of a teacher and to include information on the district's response to the assault.

Subd. 2. Report. (a) Requires school boards to include state student identification numbers on affected students when submitting disciplinary reports on students' physical assault of a teacher, among other information.

(b) Directs the education commissioner to aggregate the data reported under paragraph (a) and to include the aggregated data in the annual school performance reports.

Makes this section effective for the 2016-2017 school year and later.

Section

- 2** **Repayment fund established; victims of school violence.** Establishes a “Victims of School Violence” fund to compensate teachers and other public school or district employees who are reported victims of a physical assault by a student for assault-related medical and legal costs the employee incurs for which other compensation is not available. Causes money deposited into the fund to remain in the fund and available to victims.
- Makes this section effective for the 2016-2017 school year and later.
- 3** **Required policy.** Requires a school board’s district-wide school discipline policy to be consistent with a teacher’s authority for controlling and managing student behavior in the classroom.
- Makes this section effective for the 2016-2017 school year and later.
- 4** **Notification; teachers’ legitimate educational interest.** (a) Establishes a teacher’s legitimate educational interest in knowing which students placed in the teacher’s classroom have a history of violent behavior, including any documented physical assault of a district employee by the student.
- (b) Directs representatives of a school board and the exclusive representative of the teachers to discuss policies for notifying teachers and other district employees about students with a history of violent behavior, including any documented physical assault of a district employee by the student.
- Makes this section effective for the 2016-2017 school year and later.
- 5** **General control of schools.** (a) Grants the teacher of record the general control and government of the school and classroom.
- (b) Allows a teacher to remove students from class, consistent with a school board’s district-wide school discipline policy.
- Makes this section effective for the 2016-2017 school year and later.
- 6** **Appropriation; “Victims of School Violence” repayment fund.** (a) Appropriates an unspecified sum in fiscal year 2017 from the general fund to the commissioner of education for the “Victims of School Violence” repayment fund.
- (b) Establishes an unspecified sum for the base appropriation in fiscal year 2018 and later.
- Makes this section effective beginning in fiscal year 2017.