

Subject Student discipline and nonexclusionary discipline

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Overview

Contains the governor's recommendations related to student discipline and nonexclusionary discipline policies and practices.

Summary

Section	Description
1	Education records. [§120A.22, subd. 7] Requires all schools to send pupil withdrawal records, as well as any services a student needs to mitigate inappropriate behavior, to another school to which a student is transferring. These are in addition to current requirements to send various academic and disciplinary records.
2	Suspension. [§121A.41, subd. 10] Adds definition of "in-school suspension," meaning when a student is removed from regular classroom for at least half a day but remains at school under supervision of school personnel. The term for the current statutory definition of "suspension" is changed to "out-of-school suspension."
3	Nonexclusionary disciplinary policies and practices; alternatives to pupil removal and dismissal. [§121A.41, subd. 12] Adds definition of "nonexclusionary disciplinary policies and practices" to mean, in general, practices that are alternatives to removing a student from class or school.
4	Pupil withdrawal agreement. [§121A.41, subd. 13] Adds definition of "pupil withdrawal agreement" meaning an agreement between a school and a student's parent or guardian by which the student withdraws from the school to avoid expulsion or suspension. Such agreements can be for no more than one year in length.
5	Provision of alternative programs. [§121A.45, subd. 1] Changes terminology and makes conforming change related to nonexclusionary discipline.

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6	Suspension pending expulsion or exclusion hearing. [§121A.46, subd. 4] Requires a school to provide alternative educational services to a students suspended for five or more consecutive school days.
7	Minimum education services. [§121A.46, subd. 5] Requires that suspended student be allowed to complete all class assignments, and receive full credit for satisfactory completion, while on suspension.
8	Written notice. [§121A.47] Changes terminology from “alternative education services” to “nonexclusionary disciplinary practices.” The section also requires that MDE’s notice to parents about low-cost legal assistance for expulsion and exclusion procedures be posted on MDE’s website.
9	Exclusions and expulsions; pupil withdrawals and physical assaults. [§121A.53, subd. 1] Changes terminology and makes conforming changes regarding pupil withdrawal agreements, created elsewhere in the bill.
10	Policies to be established. [§121A.55] Requires school districts to include nonexclusionary disciplinary policies and practices in their uniform criteria for dismissal. The section also requires schools to continue reviewing a student’s school work after expulsion, exclusion, or pupil withdrawal agreement, unless the student enrolls in another school district, and requires schools to provide a list of mental health services available to the student after expulsion, and post this information on their website.



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