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## Summary

Under current law, a district may not dismiss a child in a preschool or prekindergarten program, or a student in kindergarten through third grade. A “dismissal” means the denial of the current educational program to any pupil, including exclusion, expulsion, and suspension. It does not include removal from class. An exception in statute allows a district to use expulsion or exclusion after attempting nonexclusionary discipline, but only if there is an ongoing serious safety threat to the child or others.

This bill limits the prohibition on dismissal to children in a preschool or prekindergarten program only, allowing districts to dismiss students in kindergarten through third grade in accordance with the discipline statutes that apply to older students.