
DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides relative to rates of out-of-school suspensions of public school students, including those in charter schools. Provides for the creation of the Commission on Safe Supportive Discipline.

Proposed law provides relative to student discipline, including rates of out-of-school suspensions of public school students. Provides for the creation of the Commission on Safe Supportive Discipline by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and provides for commission membership and duties. Requires the commission to annually report to the House and Seante education committees.

Proposed law provides for reports by the state Dept. of Education to the commission relative to student discipline data and trends and related national comparisons. Further requires the department to report discipline data and rates on its website. Requires the department to annually identify public school suspension rates as specified in proposed law. Requires the department to annually notify each local education agency that is determines has disproportionate rates of student suspension. Provides for a plan to be submitted by each such local education agency to lower its suspension rates. Provides for plan components and implementation. Requires the local education agency to report to the department on such plan implementation and student suspension rates and academic achievement. Provides for audits by the state Dept. of Education under specified circumstances.

Proposed law makes present law student discipline provisions, including provisions for student suspensions and expulsions, applicable to charter schools.

(Adds R.S. 17:251(C), 252(E), and 3996(B)(42)); Repeals R.S. 17:3996(B)(40))