

GREEN SHEET REDIGEST

HB 79

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(KEYWORD, SUMMARY, AND DIGEST as amended by Senate committee amendments)

STUDENT/DISCIPLINE: Prohibits corporal punishment for certain students with exceptionalities

DIGEST

Proposed law defines "corporal punishment" as using physical force to discipline a student, with or without an object. Provides that corporal punishment includes hitting, paddling, striking, spanking, slapping, or any other physical force that causes pain or physical discomfort.

Proposed law provides that "corporal punishment" does not include:

- (1) The use of reasonable and necessary physical restraint of a student to protect the student, or others, from bodily harm or to obtain possession of a weapon or other dangerous object from a student.
- (2) The use of seclusion and restraint as provided in present law for students with exceptionalities.

Present law allows local school boards discretion in the use of corporal punishment for students and requires the boards to adopt rules and regulations to implement and control its use.

Proposed law prohibits the administration of corporal punishment to students with exceptionalities, except gifted and talented students, or to students eligible for services under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and who have an Individual Accommodation Plan. Further, makes present law and proposed law applicable to charter schools.

(Amends R.S. 17:223(A), 416.1(B), and 3996(B)(2))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Education to the engrossed bill

1. Defines "corporal punishment".
2. Extends prohibition against the use of corporal punishment to students eligible for services under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and who have an Individual Accommodation Plan.