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SB 256 Reengrossed

2022 Regular Session

Barrow

Present law provides generally for the discipline of students, including suspension.

Proposed law requires that prior to a suspension of greater than three days, an assignment to an alternative placement, or an expulsion, a student be assessed using an instrument approved by the La. Dept. of Health that is designed to determine if the student has experienced trauma. Further requires the results of the assessment to be considered in determining whether the student's behavior may be better addressed in a manner other than through the disciplinary actions listed above.

Proposed law excepts students requiring an immediate suspension for certain behaviors, but requires they be assessed during their period of suspension and before an alternative placement or expulsion.

(Amends R.S. 17:223 and 416(A)(3)(b); repeals R.S. 17:223.1)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

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

1. Changes to apply only to suspensions greater than 3 days.
2. Changes how the information from the assessment is utilized in the disciplinary actions.

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Makes technical corrections.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Education to the reengrossed bill:

1. Require assessment used be approved by the La. Dept. of Health instead of developed by the Centers for Disease Control.
2. Modify timing of assessment for students who have engaged in certain behaviors requiring immediate suspension.