
DIGEST

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HB 649 Reengrossed

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Abstract: Provides relative to corporal punishment in elementary and secondary schools.

Present law prohibits the administration of corporal punishment to students with exceptionalities (except gifted and talented students), and to students who are eligible for services under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and who have an Individual Accommodation Plan. Otherwise grants local school boards discretion in the use of corporal punishment for all other students. Proposed law retains provisions relative to students with exceptionalities.

Proposed law prohibits any form of corporal punishment in elementary and secondary schools unless a parent or legal guardian provides written permission for the use of corporal punishment as a form of discipline for his child.

Proposed law makes present law and proposed law applicable to nonpublic schools that receive state funds.

Present law defines corporal punishment to mean the use of physical force that causes pain or discomfort to discipline a student, not including seclusion or restraint under certain circumstances.

(Amends R.S. 17:416.1(B); Adds R.S. 17:416.14)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Expand applicability to nonpublic schools that receive state funds.
2. Change proposed law to require the written consent of a parent or legal guardian for the use of corporal punishment on a student rather than prohibiting corporal punishment.