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HOUSE BILL NO. 322

BY REPRESENTATIVE STAGNI

STUDENT/DISCIPLINE: Provides relative to student discipline

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:416(A)(1)(b)(i) and (c)(i) and (v) and 416.18(B), relative to  
3 student discipline; to authorize certain authority to teachers; to prohibit retaliation  
4 from principals and administrators for certain disciplinary action taken; to require  
5 certain disciplinary action; to provide relative to the exercise of teacher rights; and  
6 to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 17:416(A)(1)(b)(i) and (c)(i) and (v) and 416.18(B) are hereby  
9 amended and reenacted to read as follows:

10 §416. Discipline of students; suspension; expulsion

11 A.(1)

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13 (b)(i) Each teacher may take disciplinary action to correct a student who  
14 violates school rules or who interferes with an orderly education process. No  
15 principal or administrator shall prohibit or discourage a teacher from taking  
16 disciplinary action, recommending disciplinary action, or completing a form to  
17 initiate disciplinary action against a student who violates school policy or who  
18 interferes with an orderly education process. No principal or administrator shall



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**DIGEST**

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**Abstract:** Provides for disciplinary authority to public school teachers in certain scenarios.

Present law (R.S. 17:416) provides relative to student discipline.

Present law authorizes teachers to take disciplinary action against a student who violates school rules or interferes with an orderly education process. Proposed law retains present law and further prohibits a principal or administrator from discouraging a teacher from taking disciplinary action against a student in such scenario. Prohibits retaliation and taking employment action against a teacher for taking disciplinary action against a student.

Present law authorizes a teacher to remove a student whose behavior prevents the orderly instruction of other students, poses an immediate threat to the safety or physical well-being of any student or teacher, or when a student violates the school's code of conduct. Proposed law instead requires such removal.

Present law authorizes, after the third removal in this manner, a conference between the teacher and student's parent before the student returns to the classroom. Proposed law instead requires this conference.

Present law (R.S. 17:416.18) provides for a Teacher Bill of Rights.

Prohibits a public school board from establishing policies that prevent teachers from exercising the rights provided in present law (R.S. 17:416 through 416.16). Proposed law further prohibits a principal or administrator from retaliating and taking employment action against a teacher for exercising rights provided in present law.

(Amends R.S. 17:416(A)(1)(b)(i) and (c)(i) and (v) and 416.18(B))