

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 384

BY REPRESENTATIVE BRYANT

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

STUDENT/DISCIPLINE: Provides relative to disciplinary penalties for certain public school students found to be in possession of certain substances on school property

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:416(O), relative to discipline of students in public schools; to provide for  
3 discipline of certain students found to be in possession of certain substances on  
4 school property; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 17:416(O) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §416. Discipline of students; suspension; expulsion

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9 O.(1) Notwithstanding any provision of this Section to the contrary, the  
10 provisions of this Subsection shall apply to the disciplinary penalties for the first,  
11 second, and third occurrences that a student in grades six through twelve is found to  
12 possess marijuana, tetrahydrocannabinol, or any chemical derivative thereof on  
13 school property without a valid order from a licensed medical provider.

14 (2) On the first occurrence, the student shall successfully complete ten hours  
15 of substance abuse education approved by the school board.

16 (3) On the second occurrence, the student may be suspended for up to one  
17 half of a semester.

18 (4) On the third occurrence, the student may be suspended for up to one  
19 semester.

1                    (5) The provisions of this Subsection shall not apply to any subsequent  
2                    occurrence.

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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides for disciplinary penalties for certain students found to be in possession of marijuana, tetrahydrocannabinol, or chemical derivatives thereof on school property without a valid order from a licensed medical provider.

Present law provides that a student in grades six-12 who is found guilty of being in possession of any illegal narcotic, drug, or other controlled substance on school property shall be expelled from school for a minimum period of four complete school semesters and referred to the district attorney.

Proposed law provides, notwithstanding present law, that the following disciplinary penalties apply for students in such grades found to possess marijuana, tetrahydrocannabinol, or any chemical derivative thereof on any school property without a valid order from a licensed medical provider:

- (1) On the first occurrence, the student shall successfully complete 10 hours of substance abuse education approved by the school board.
- (2) On the second occurrence, the student may be suspended for up to one half of a semester.
- (3) On the third occurrence, the student may be suspended for up to one semester.

Proposed law provides that proposed law shall not apply to any subsequent occurrence.

(Adds R.S. 17:416(O))