
DIGEST

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HB 384 Engrossed

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Abstract: Provides for disciplinary penalties for certain students found guilty of being in possession of marijuana, tetrahydrocannabinol, or chemical derivatives thereof on school property.

Present law provides that a student in grades six through 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 that for such students found guilty of possessing marijuana, tetrahydrocannabinol, or any chemical derivative thereof, present law penalties only apply after the second or subsequent occurrence.

Present law provides that any student in grades six through 12 found guilty of being in possession of tobacco, alcohol, or vaping product on school property, on a school bus, or at a school-sponsored event may be recommended for expulsion. Proposed law applies present law to students found guilty on the first occurrence of being in possession of marijuana, tetrahydrocannabinol, or any chemical derivative thereof.

(Amends R.S. 17:416(C)(2)(a) and (b))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Remove proposed law penalties for possession of marijuana, tetrahydrocannabinol, or any chemical derivative thereof on school property and instead:
 - (a) Apply present law that requires expulsion and referral to the district attorney only to the second or subsequent occurrence of the possession.
 - (b) Apply present law that allows a student to be recommended for expulsion to the first occurrence of the possession.