

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Do Pass
Vote: 5 - 0 - 0
Yeas: Beyer, Kruse, Prozanski, Walker, Burdick
Nays: 0
Exc.: 0
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Meeting Dates: 1/31

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires a school district to provide to the Department of Human Services, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission or another school district the records of investigations of suspected child abuse by former school employees as well as current school employees. Allows release of disciplinary records of a former school employee to anyone if the former employee was convicted of one or more of 56 felonies referenced in the bill. Declares an emergency, effective upon passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Disciplinary records only released when there is a conviction
- Clarify any ambiguity that provision applies to “former” employees as well as current employees

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: A school district must provide, if requested, the Department of Human Services, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission, or a law enforcement agency, the records of an investigation of suspected child abuse involving a school employee. However, the district cannot provide the records of a “former” employee. Moreover, the school district cannot turn over the disciplinary records of a former employee even if the former employee was convicted of a crime that would prohibit the issuance of a teaching certificate to the individual.