

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action:	Do Pass with Amendments to the A-Engrossed Measure to Resolve Conflicts (Printed B-Engrossed)
Vote:	5 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Beyer, Knopp, Kruse, Roblan, Hass
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	5/9, 5/14

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Directs school districts board to adopt policies for the discipline, suspension or expulsion of refractory students. Outlines conduct that may result in discipline, suspension or expulsion. Limits expulsion to the following circumstances: conduct that poses a threat to health or safety of students or school employees; when other strategies have been ineffective; or, when required by law. Requires school to consider the age or past pattern of behavior of student prior to imposing suspension or expulsion. Directs school districts to adopt written policies on managing students who threaten violence or harm, which include staff reporting methods and provisions that allow administrator to consider the following options: immediately removing student from classroom; placing student in a setting where behavior will receive immediate attention; requiring school to obtain mental health evaluation before returning student to classroom; requiring administrator to provide notification to parent; and a provision for the allocation of any necessary funds. Specifies limitations on duration of expulsions. Requires districts to develop student code of conduct handbook. Requires districts to develop policies on management of students who are threatening harm including staff reporting and interventions. Outlines objectives of policies. Directs school boards to develop policies to address students carrying firearms. Allows superintendent to modify expulsion requirements for student on case by case basis and propose alternative programs. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Systemic problems with mandatory “Zero Tolerance” policy
- “School to Prison” pipeline, inverse relationship between suspension of a student and likelihood of graduation
- Restrictions regarding firearms due to federal law

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Resolves potential conflict with HB 2756A, which was enacted April 5.

BACKGROUND: In the 2011-2012 school year, over 1600 students were expelled from Oregon schools. The majority of those expulsions were the result of substance abuse. Eighty-five percent of incarcerated juveniles have been expelled from school at least once. House Bill 2192-B requires school district boards to adopt written policies related to discipline, suspension, or expulsion of refractory students.