

FINAL BILL REPORT

SSB 5305

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SYNOPSIS AS ENACTED

Brief Description: Conditioning the reduction of a student's suspension on the commencement of counseling.

SPONSORS: Senate Committee on Education (originally sponsored by Senators Owen and Craswell)

SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

BACKGROUND:

The State Board of Education has adopted rules regarding short-term and long-term suspension of students. These rules are to ensure due process for students. Local school district boards of directors also adopt codes of conduct for students.

SUMMARY:

A school district may reduce the length of a student's suspension if the student undergoes counseling or other treatment services. Current law regarding school district liability is not changed.

A school district is not obligated to pay for counseling or treatment services except those agreed to by the district.

School districts are encouraged to use community service as an alternative to student suspension. By February 1, 1993, the Superintendent of Public Instruction is required to provide information to school districts about community service programs and the issues involved in using community service as an alternative. The Superintendent shall develop guidelines and help clarify issues such as liability, supervision and transportation.

VOTES ON FINAL PASSAGE:

Senate	44	0	
House	97	0	(House amended)
Senate	47	0	(Senate concurred)

EFFECTIVE: June 11, 1992