

HOUSE BILL ANALYSIS

HB 1168

Title: *Relating to school safety.*

Brief Description: *Promoting school safety.*

Sponsors: *Representatives Cooper, Radcliff, Quall, Talcott, Constantine, Cairnes, O'Brien, Reardon, Linville, Morris, D. Schmidt, McDonald, Poulsen, Kenney, Campbell, Conway, Rockefeller and Keiser.*

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Meeting Date: *January 25, 1999*

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Background: Current law makes it a gross misdemeanor for someone to refuse to leave public school grounds when ordered to do so by a school official based on the school official's belief the person is under the influence of drugs or alcohol, is interfering with a school function, or is causing or threatens to cause a disturbance. Law enforcement officials typically have discretion in carrying out their duties.

Summary of Bill: A police officer must arrest without a warrant anyone the officer has probable cause to believe has wilfully refused to obey a valid order by a school official to leave school grounds because the school official believes the person is under the influence of drugs or alcohol, is interfering with a school function, or is causing or threatens to cause a disturbance.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: *Requested on January 19, 1999.*

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed

Rulemaking Authority: None specified.