
DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides for student disciplinary procedures with respect to suspensions and expulsions.

Present law allows the parent of a student who has been recommended for expulsion, within five days after the decision is rendered, to submit a request to the school board to review the findings of the superintendent. Provides that the parent has such right of review even if the recommendation for expulsion is reduced to a suspension. Proposed law provides that the parent does not have such right of review if the recommendation for expulsion is reduced to a short-term or long-term suspension and otherwise retains present law.

Present law allows the parent of a student who has been recommended for expulsion, within 10 school days, to appeal to the district court. Proposed law provides that the parent has such right of review even if the recommendation for expulsion is reduced to a suspension. Proposed law provides that the parent does not have such right of review if the recommendation for expulsion is reduced to a short-term or long-term suspension and otherwise retains present law.

Present law provides that notwithstanding any public school state or local policies, a public school student in grades six through 12 who is suspended a third time within the same school year for any offense, excluding those related to dress codes or tardiness, shall be recommended for expulsion. Proposed law repeals present law.

(Amends R.S. 17:416(C)(4) and (5)(a); Repeals R.S. 17:416(C)(2)(c))