

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 384

BY REPRESENTATIVES BRYANT AND CHASSION

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:416(C)(2)(a) and (b) and to enact R.S. 17:416(O), relative to discipline of students in public schools; to provide for discipline of certain students found to be in possession of certain substances on school property; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 17:416(C)(2)(a) and (b) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 17:416(O) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§416. Discipline of students; suspension; expulsion

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(2)(a)(i) Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection B of this Section and except as provided in Item (ii) of this Subparagraph, any student in grades six through twelve who is found guilty of being in possession of a firearm, a knife with a blade equal to or in excess of two and one-half inches in length, or any illegal narcotic, drug, or other controlled substance on school property, on a school bus, or at a school-sponsored event, pursuant to a hearing as provided for by Paragraph (1) of this Subsection, shall be expelled from school for a minimum period of ~~four~~ two complete school semesters and shall be referred to the district attorney for appropriate action. However, the superintendent may modify the length of such minimum expulsion requirement on a case-by-case basis, provided that such modification is in writing.

