

CHAPTER 97

[House Bill No. 1314]

SCHOOLS—STUDENT DISCIPLINE

AN ACT Relating to education; amending section 2, chapter 268, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 28A.04.132; and amending section 28A.58.101, chapter 223, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. as last amended by section 1, chapter 254, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess. and RCW 28A.58.101 and adding a new section to chapter 28A.58 RCW.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

Section 1. Section 2, chapter 268, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW. 28A.04.132 are each amended to read as follows:

The state board of education shall adopt and distribute to all school districts lawful and reasonable rules and regulations prescribing the substantive and procedural due process guarantees of pupils in the common schools. Such rules and regulations shall authorize a school district to use informal due process procedures in connection with the short term suspension of students to the extent constitutionally permissible: PROVIDED, That the state board deems the interest of students to be adequately protected.

Sec. 2. Section 28A.58.101, chapter 223, Laws of 1969, ex. sess. as last amended by section 1, chapter 254, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess. and RCW 28A.58.101 are each amended to read as follows:

Every board of directors, unless otherwise specifically provided by law, shall:

(1) Enforce the rules and regulations prescribed by the superintendent of public instruction and the state board of education for the government of schools, pupils, and certificated employees.

(2) Adopt and make available to each pupil, teacher and parent in the district reasonable written rules and regulations regarding pupil conduct, discipline, and rights. Such rules and regulations shall not be inconsistent with law or the rules and regulations of the superintendent of public instruction or the state board of education and shall include such substantive and procedural due process guarantees as prescribed by the state board of education under RCW 28A.04.132. Commencing with the 1976-77 school year, when such rules and regulations are made available to each pupil, teacher and parent, they shall be accompanied by a detailed description of rights, responsibilities and ~~((authorities))~~ authority of teachers and principals with respect to the discipline of pupils as prescribed by state ~~((and local))~~ statutory law, superintendent of public instruction and state board of education rules and regulations and rules and regulations of the school district.

(3) Suspend, expel, or discipline pupils in accordance with RCW 28A.04.132.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. There is added to chapter 28A.58 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Within each school the school principal shall determine that appropriate student discipline is established and enforced.

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