

By Senator Rossin

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to school suspension or
3 expulsion; amending s. 230.235, F.S.; providing
4 that a student may be released from the school
5 campus following an offense that subjects the
6 student to suspension or expulsion; requiring
7 that the student be released to the custody of
8 a parent or legal guardian; requiring that a
9 student who has committed a violent act be
10 released to the custody of a law enforcement
11 agency; providing an effective date.

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13 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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15 Section 1. Subsection (4) is added to section 230.235,
16 Florida Statutes, to read:

17 230.235 Policy of zero tolerance for crime and
18 victimization.--

19 (4) If a student commits an offense that subjects the
20 student to suspension or expulsion, the school principal may
21 immediately release the student from the school campus, but
22 only if the student is released to the custody of a parent or
23 legal guardian. Otherwise, the student must be placed in
24 in-school suspension or detention until the end of the school
25 day. If the student has committed a violent act, the student
26 shall be released to the custody of a law enforcement agency.

27 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2002.
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SENATE SUMMARY

Provides for a student to be released to the custody of a parent or legal guardian if the student has committed an offense that subjects the student to suspension or expulsion. If the student cannot be released to a parent or guardian, requires that the student be placed in in-school suspension or detention until the end of the school day. Requires that the student be released to the custody of a law enforcement agency if the student has committed a violent act.