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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate	.	House
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The Committee on Education Pre-K - 12 (Wise) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 37 - 70
and insert:

(1) It is the intent of the Legislature to promote a safe and supportive learning environment in schools, to protect students and staff from conduct that poses a serious threat to school safety, and to encourage schools to use alternatives to expulsion or referral to law enforcement agencies by addressing disruptive behavior through restitution, civil citation, teen court, neighborhood restorative justice, school offense



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13 protocols, or similar programs. The Legislature finds that zero-
14 tolerance policies are not intended to be rigorously applied to
15 petty acts of misconduct ~~and misdemeanors~~, including, but not
16 limited to, minor fights or disturbances. The Legislature finds
17 that zero-tolerance policies must apply equally to all students
18 regardless of their economic status, race, or disability.

19 (2) Each district school board shall adopt a policy of zero
20 tolerance that:

21 (a) Defines criteria for reporting to a law enforcement
22 agency any act that occurs whenever or wherever students are
23 within the jurisdiction of the district school board that poses
24 a serious threat to school safety. Acts that do not pose a
25 serious threat to school safety shall be handled within the
26 school's disciplinary system.

27 (b) Defines acts that pose a serious threat to school
28 safety.

29 (c) Defines petty acts of misconduct.

30 (d) Provides that school officials shall not request a law
31 enforcement agency to respond to petty acts of misconduct. Such
32 incidents shall be handled within the school system's discipline
33 system.

34 (e) Provides, within existing inservice training modules, a
35 comprehensive training program for school administrators and
36 teachers regarding the potential negative consequences and
37 future effects of an arrest of a juvenile and of the existing
38 in-school alternatives to discipline a student for committing
39 petty acts of misconduct without involving a law enforcement
40 agency.

41 (f) ~~(d)~~ Minimizes the victimization of students, staff, or



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42 volunteers, including taking all steps necessary to protect the
43 victim of any violent crime from any further victimization.

44 (g)~~(e)~~ Establishes a procedure that provides each student
45 with the opportunity for a review of the disciplinary action
46 imposed pursuant to s. 1006.07.

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48 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

49 And the title is amended as follows:

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51 Delete line 16

52 and insert:

53 disciplinary system; requiring each district school
54 board to implement a training program for school
55 administrators and teachers regarding the negative
56 consequences and future effects of an arrest of a
57 juvenile and of the existing in-school alternatives to
58 discipline a student for committing petty acts of
59 misconduct without involving a law enforcement agency;
60 requiring that each district