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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate	.	House
Comm: RCS	.	
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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



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

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

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

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

30 (c) Defines petty acts of misconduct.

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

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



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42 (f) Provides that schools disciplinary systems, may
43 document and include corrective training, interventions or
44 teaching of alternative behaviors specific to the offense when
45 the student is required to miss scheduled classroom instruction
46 time due to the offense and its disciplinary action.

47 (g)~~(d)~~ Minimizes the victimization of students, staff, or
48 volunteers, including taking all steps necessary to protect the
49 victim of any violent crime from any further victimization.

50 (h)~~(e)~~ Establishes a procedure that provides each student
51 with the opportunity for a review of the disciplinary action
52 imposed pursuant to s. 1006.07.

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

55 And the title is amended as follows:

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57 Delete line 16
58 and insert:

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60 disciplinary system; requiring each district school
61 board to implement a training program for school
62 administrators and teachers regarding the negative
63 consequences and future effects of an arrest of a
64 juvenile and of the existing in-school alternatives to
65 discipline a student for committing petty acts of
66 misconduct without involving a law enforcement agency;
67 requiring that each district