



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 327**

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House Bill No. 5526

*House of Representatives, March 30, 2009*

The Committee on Planning and Development reported through REP. SHARKEY of the 88th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

## ***AN ACT CONCERNING IN-SCHOOL SUSPENSIONS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (g) of section 10-233c of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
3 *passage*):

4 (g) On and after July 1, [2009] 2012, suspensions pursuant to this  
5 section shall be in-school suspensions, unless during the hearing held  
6 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, the administration  
7 determines that the pupil being suspended poses such a danger to  
8 persons or property or such a disruption of the educational process  
9 that the pupil shall be excluded from school during the period of  
10 suspension. An in-school suspension may be served in the school that  
11 the pupil attends, or in any school building under the jurisdiction of  
12 the local or regional board of education, as determined by such board.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	10-233c(g)

**PD**      *Joint Favorable*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 10 \$	FY 11 \$
State Technical High Schools	GF - Cost Avoidance	See Below	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

**Municipal Impact:**

Municipalities	Effect	FY 10 \$	FY 11 \$
Local and Regional School Districts	Cost Avoidance	See Below	See Below

**Explanation**

The bill delays, from July 1, 2009 to July, 1, 2012, the starting date and corresponding fiscal impact for the law requiring that educational suspensions take place in schools.

**The Out Years**

The cost avoidance is maintained until July 1, 2012. Thereafter, the bill reduces the possibility of out-of-school suspensions which may result in school districts having to provide alternative in-school programs not currently utilized. This may result in an increased need for staff. The potential cost would likely be minimal although larger school districts with numerous suspensions could see costs which could be considered significant. The potential cost is dependent on the chosen path of implementing in-school suspensions rather than out-of-school suspensions.

**OLR Bill Analysis**

**HB 5526**

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**SUMMARY:**

This bill delays, from July 1, 2009 to July 1, 2012, the starting date for the law that generally requires that educational suspensions take place in-school.

By law, a suspension can take place out of school if the school administration determines, during a hearing, that the pupil being suspended poses such a danger to persons or property or such a disruption to the educational process that he or she must be excluded from school during the suspension period. An in-school suspension may be served in the pupil's school or in any school building under the local or regional board of education's jurisdiction, as determined by the board.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Planning and Development Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 16 Nay 3 (03/11/2009)