



# Senate

General Assembly

**File No. 194**

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 197

*Senate, March 30, 2010*

The Committee on Planning and Development reported through SEN. COLEMAN of the 2nd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute 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 2010 supplement  
2 to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in  
3 lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

4 (g) On and after July 1, [2010] 2011, 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.

13 Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Education shall

14 analyze the cost to local and regional school districts of requiring  
 15 school suspensions to be in-school suspensions pursuant to subsection  
 16 (g) of section 10-233c of the general statutes, as amended by this act. In  
 17 conducting the analysis, the commissioner shall evaluate whether the  
 18 implementation of said subsection: (1) Is likely to result in an increased  
 19 cost to school districts and, if so, the likely amount and impact of the  
 20 increase, and (2) is likely to affect local and regional boards of  
 21 education differently depending on the size of the school district. The  
 22 commissioner shall submit a report on the commissioner's findings, in  
 23 accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint  
 24 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
 25 matters relating to local government and local and regional boards of  
 26 education not later than December 1, 2010.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	10-233c(g)
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section

**PD**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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### **OFA Fiscal Note**

#### **State Impact:**

<b>Agency Affected</b>	<b>Fund-Effect</b>	<b>FY 11 \$</b>	<b>FY 12 \$</b>
State Technical High Schools	GF - Cost Avoidance	See Below	None

Note: GF=General Fund

#### **Municipal Impact:**

<b>Municipalities</b>	<b>Effect</b>	<b>FY 11 \$</b>	<b>FY 12 \$</b>
Local and Regional School Districts	Cost Avoidance	See Below	None

### **Explanation**

**Section 1** of the bill delays, from FY 11 to FY 12, the law limiting out-of-school suspensions, which may have resulted in school districts having to provide alternative in-school programs that are not currently utilized. This delays the need for a potential increase in staff, which most likely would have been minimal, although larger school districts with numerous suspensions may have seen costs which could have been considered significant.

**Section 2** requires the Commissioner of Education to analyze the cost to local and regional school districts of in-school suspensions, and is not anticipated to result in an additional cost.

### **The Out Years**

The cost avoidance only occurs in FY 11.

**OLR Bill Analysis****sSB 197*****AN ACT CONCERNING IN-SCHOOL SUSPENSIONS.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill delays, from July 1, 2010 until July 1, 2011, the implementation date of the 2007 law limiting out-of-school suspensions. The law requires suspensions to be in-school unless the school administration determines, after the required informal suspension hearing, that the student (1) poses such a danger to people or property or (2) is so disruptive to the educational process that the suspension must be served outside of school.

The bill also requires the education commissioner to analyze the cost to local and regional school districts of in-school suspensions. The analysis must include whether in-school suspensions will (1) cost school districts more, and if so, how much more; and (2) affect school districts of different sizes differently. The commissioner must report his findings to the Education and Planning and Development committees by December 1, 2010.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

**BACKGROUND*****In-School Suspensions***

Existing law, unchanged by the bill, allows an in-school suspension to be served in the school the student attends or in any school building under the jurisdiction of the local or regional board of education.

***Implementation of In-School Suspensions***

The original law limiting out-of-school suspensions was scheduled to take effect July 1, 2008. PA 08-160 delayed implementation until July 1, 2009, and PA 09-6, September Special Session, further delayed it

until July 1, 2010.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Planning and Development Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 11 Nay 7 (03/17/2010)