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## OLR Bill Analysis

sSB 477 (File 393, as amended by Senate "A")\*

### ***AN ACT CONCERNING THE EXPUNGEMENT OF A PUPIL'S CUMULATIVE EDUCATION RECORD FOR CERTAIN EXPULSIONS.***

#### **SUMMARY:**

This bill makes various changes in current law regarding erasure of student expulsion records. By law, a student's cumulative educational records must include notice of any expulsion and the behavior that caused it.

Regarding students expelled in kindergarten through grade eight for any reason, including firearms and deadly weapon possession, the bill:

1. requires boards of education to erase the expulsion from the student's record upon graduation, which current law prohibits for firearms and deadly weapons expulsion, and
2. allows boards to erase the expulsion before the student graduates if (a) the student was never previously suspended or expelled, had the expulsion shortened or waived upon completing a board-specified program, and met board requirements or (b) the student's conduct and behavior in the years following expulsion demonstrate to the board that earlier erasure is warranted.

The bill allows the board to receive and consider evidence of any disciplinary problems following the student's expulsion when considering earlier erasure, including removal from a classroom, suspension, or expulsion.

For students expelled in grades nine through 12 for possessing a firearm or deadly weapon, the bill removes the board's discretion to:

1. shorten or waive expulsion periods for students who have (a) never previously been suspended or expelled and (b) successfully completed a board-specified program and met other board conditions and
2. subsequently erase expulsion notice upon completion of such program and conditions.

The bill also makes a technical change.

\*Senate Amendment "A" allows erasure of firearm or deadly weapon expulsion records for students expelled in kindergarten through grade eight who (1) graduate high school, which requires erasure; (2) complete a board-specified program and requirements, which merits erasure prior to graduation; or (3) exhibit subsequent years of good conduct, which also merits pre-graduation erasure. The original bill extended these provisions to students expelled in grades nine through 12 as well. It also adds a technical change.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2014

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Education Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 33 Nay 0 (03/19/2014)