

One Hundred Eighth Legislature - Second Session - 2024

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB1141

Chairperson: Senator Dave Murman

Committee: Education

Date of Hearing: February 06, 2024

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

Legislative Bill 1141 makes various changes to the Student Discipline Act. LB 1141 would ensure that children who are removed or excluded from class are entitled to due process rights for such removal or exclusion.

Current law prohibits schools from suspending children in pre-kindergarten through second grade. LB 1141 would broaden this law to prohibit schools from expelling or excluding children in pre-kindergarten through second grade, and for suspension, expulsion, or exclusion for behavioral infractions.

LB 1141 would also create a statutory cause of action for a student, parent, or guardian to bring for violations of the Student Discipline Act or for violation of the statutory prohibition against corporal punishment in schools. The cause of action allows for recovery of damages, equitable or declaratory relief, and reasonable attorney fees.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Terrell McKinney