

HB 1121 -- STUDENT DISCIPLINE

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This bill changes the obligations of school districts and charter schools in regard to student discipline.

If a pupil who was suspended moves to a new school district and attempts to enroll in the district or attempts to enroll in a charter school, the school board of the new school district or the governing board of the charter school shall hold a hearing to determine any remedial actions needed and whether to allow the student to attend the school district or charter school.

If a pupil has had a petition dismissed or been acquitted or adjudicated not to have committed any of the acts specified under subdivision (4) of subsection 3 of Section 167.171, RSMo, the student will be readmitted if, after a hearing is held, the student is determined not to have committed any of the acts on school property, on any school bus, or while involved in school activities.

A school district is required to enroll a pupil in an alternative education program or virtual school if the district determines such enrollment is appropriate. If such enrollment is deemed not appropriate the district must make an effort to ensure that the student has access to appropriate coursework.