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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7676**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1786

**NOTE PREPARED:** Feb 18, 2003

**BILL AMENDED:** Feb 17, 2003

**SUBJECT:** School discipline.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Moses

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** CR Adopted - 1<sup>st</sup> House

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**     **GENERAL**  
                              **DEDICATED**  
                              **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** Local

**Summary of Legislation:** (Amended) The bill provides that a student may not withdraw from a school corporation while legal action for truancy is pending: (1) until the legal action is resolved; and (2) the student demonstrates compliance with the terms and conditions of enrollment established by the school corporation unless: (1) the school corporation, the legal authority, and the parent agree that withdrawal is in the best interest of the student; and (2) a verifiable educational experience is provided that is acceptable to all parties.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2003.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** (Revised) *Summary:* Under the bill, if fewer truant students are permitted to participate in an alternative acceptable educational experience, the number of expulsions in a given school year may change. If expulsions occur before the ADM date in a given school year, the school corporation's tuition support funding could be affected.

*Background:* Under current law, a student may withdraw from school between the ages of 16 and 18 with the following requirements: (the student, student's parent or guardian, and the principal agree to the withdraw) and (the withdrawn student must attend an exit interview and provide written acknowledgment of the withdraw with written consent by the parent or guardian and the principal.)

*Expulsion Data:* The following table illustrates the number of suspensions and expulsions from school years

1997 through 2001. (Data for 2002 are not yet complete).

YEAR	SUSPENSIONS	EXPULSIONS
2001	289,041	6,781
2000	293,934	7,313
1999	305,767	9,263
1998	302,593	10,229
1997	306,034	9,340

In 2000, 2,997 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students were expelled. Grade breakdown for expulsions in 2001 is not available. The number of students expelled for truancy is unknown.

Grade 10-12 public enrollment was 202,422 and total public enrollment was 995,507 for school year 2001-2002. For the 2001-2002 school year, approximately 19,200 students were enrolled in a home school. Approximately  $(202,422/995,507 = 20\%)$  of total public enrollment for 2001-2002 were Grade 10, 11, and 12. Applying this percentage times the estimated home school students  $(19,200 * 20\%)$  gives approximately 3,840 grade 10, 11, and 12 home school students.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:** School corporations

**Information Sources:** DOE SAS and ORACLE DATABASES.

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