April 10, 2003

H 1135. EDUCATION INSTEAD OF LONG-TERM SUSPENSION. TO ENSURE THAT STUDENTS RECOMMENDED FOR LONG-TERM SUSPENSION RECEIVE A FREE AND APPROPRIATE EDUCATION. Directs Dep't of Public Instruction and Dep't of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention to develop a state plan to ensure that students in long-term suspension receive free and appropriate education. Specifies mandatory aspects of the plan, including multidisciplinary assessments, individualized education plans, initial placement in a diagnostic setting, and prohibition on rejecting the child for educational services unless district court places the child in a juvenile justice facility or program. Expresses intent of legislature to implement a plan in 2004-05 school year.

Intro. by Preston, L. Johnson, Parmon, Nesbitt, Yongue, Womble.

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April 28, 2003

H 1135. EDUCATION INSTEAD OF LONG-TERM SUSPENSION. Intro. 4/10/03. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition: (1) requires plan for students recommended for long-term suspension to be developed not only by Dept. of Public Instruction and Dept. of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention but also the Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services, and (2) directs the Dept. of Public Instruction to report to the Joint Legislative Comm'n on Governmental Operations and the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee by April 15, 2004 (was, Jan. 1, 2004).

June 5, 2003

H 1135. EDUCATION INSTEAD OF LONG-TERM SUSPENSION. Intro. 4/10/03. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 2nd edition. Amends Sec. 1 to designate a comm. to study the feasibility and cost of developing a plan to ensure that students recommended for long-term suspension receive a free and appropriate education, comm. to consist of the Chair of the State Board of Education (Chair or designee to convene and chair comm. meetings), the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Sec'y of Juvenile Justice and Deliquency Prevention, and the Director of the Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services (was, charged various state agencies with developing a plan). Makes technical changes.

June 11, 2003

H 1135. EDUCATION INSTEAD OF LONG-TERM SUSPENSION. Intro. 4/10/03. Senate amendments make the following changes to 3rd edition. Amend Sec. 1 to provide that named state officials or their designees shall serve on the comm. and to add three educators appointed by the Chair of the State Board of Education to the comm. Further amend Sec. 1 to require that the comm. consult with representatives of parents, teachers, students, school boards, county commissioners, and other interested parties. Makes technical changes.