

March 5, 2009

H 442. PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT IN SCHOOL DISCIPLINE. Filed 3/5/09. *TO REQUIRE THE WRITTEN PERMISSION OF A PARENT OR GUARDIAN BEFORE A CHILD RECEIVES CORPORAL PUNISHMENT IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND TO REQUIRE LOCAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS TO REPORT OCCURRENCES OF CORPORAL PUNISHMENT.*

Amends GS 115C-391 to require that signed permission from the student's parent or guardian be on file in the school before corporal punishment is administered to the student. Also requires that each local school board report annually to the State Board of Education the number of times that corporal punishment is administered each year according to the student's grade, age, gender, race, and whether the student was receiving special education services.

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H 442. PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT IN SCHOOL DISCIPLINE. Filed 3/5/09. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition.

Amends GS 115C-391 to prohibit the administering of corporal punishment by school personnel on a student whose parent or guardian has provided a written statement that the student is not to receive corporal punishment. Requires the school to provide parents and guardians with a form to make an election regarding the administering of corporal punishment at the beginning of the school year or when the student first enters the school year. Deletes proposed provision in the 1st edition that required signed permission from the student's parent or guardian to be on file in the school before the student could receive corporal punishment. Requires an appropriate school official to make a reasonable attempt to notify a student's parent or guardian prior to the administration of corporal punishment to the student. Clarifies that it is each local board of education that is to report annually in a manner prescribed by the State Board of Education (Board) to the Board and requires that the report be in compliance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, (FERPA), USC § 1232g. Clarifies that the report is to contain: (1) the number of students receiving corporal punishment; (2) the number of students receiving corporal punishment who were students with disabilities and eligible for special education and related services under IDEA; and (3) the race of the students receiving corporal punishment. Deletes the requirement that the report to the Board be disaggregated based on gender, grade level, and age. Replaces references to *child* or *children* with *student* or *students*. Makes conforming changes to the title.

June 24, 2009

H 442. PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT IN SCHOOL DISCIPLINE. Filed 3/5/09. Senate amendment makes the following changes to 2nd edition. Amendment #2 deletes language from GS 115C-391 and from the title that requires local boards of education to report occurrences of corporal punishment. Amendment #3 amends the title to delete language that requires school officials to make a reasonable attempt to notify a parent or guardian before administering corporal punishment. As amended, the title reads, *AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE ADMINISTRATION OF CORPORAL PUNISHMENT ON A STUDENT WHOSE PARENT OR GUARDIAN HAS STATED IN WRITING THAT CORPORAL PUNISHMENT SHALL NOT BE ADMINISTERED ON THAT STUDENT.* Amends GS 115C-391 to delete proposed subdivision (3a) which required that the appropriate school official make a reasonable attempt to notify a student's parent or guardian before the administration of corporal punishment of the impending action. Makes technical changes.