

HB 1899 -- SCHOOL SUSPENSION

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REPORTING REQUIREMENT (Section 160.265 RSMo)

This bill requires school districts and charter schools to document school suspensions beginning July 1, 2023 and begin reporting this information to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education annually before July 1, 2024.

ANNUAL REPORT CARD (Section 160.522)

The bill requires school districts to include on the annual report card data related to school discipline including in school and out of school suspensions, removal of pupils with disabilities, and expulsions. For each type of disciplinary offense aggregate data must be provided as outlined in the bill.

SUSPENSION HEARING AND LIMITS (Section 167.161)

The bill requires school boards to consider reasonable alternative measures to suspension, and prohibits the suspension of students for truancy, absences, or prior offenses. Schools are prohibited from suspending students in preschool to 3rd grade.