

SENATE BILL REPORT

SHB 1941

AS OF MARCH 30, 1993

Brief Description: Requiring school districts to notify parents of students carrying dangerous weapons at school.

SPONSORS: House Committee on Education (originally sponsored by Representatives Cothorn, Foreman, L. Johnson, Jones, Vance, Campbell, Pruitt, Shin, Holm, Springer, Brough, Horn, King, J. Kohl, Hansen, Johanson, Miller, Long, Casada, Edmondson, Mielke and Karahalios)

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

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Staff: Leslie Goldstein (786-7424)

Hearing Dates:

BACKGROUND:

A student who violates the law prohibiting dangerous weapons on school premises is guilty of a gross misdemeanor and subject to expulsion.

Current law and regulations do not explicitly require the parents or guardians to be notified when a student violates the law prohibiting dangerous weapons on school premises, if the student is not suspended, expelled, or otherwise disciplined in a manner requiring parental notification.

Law enforcement authorities need not be notified unless the school district wants charges to be filed against the juvenile.

SUMMARY:

Each school district must adopt and implement a policy for notifying the parents or guardians of any student violating the law prohibiting dangerous weapons on school premises.

The policy must require prompt notification of the local law enforcement agency as well.

Appropriation: none

Revenue: none

Fiscal Note: none requested