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Senate Bill 69 (as reported without amendment)  
Sponsor: Senator Patricia L. Birkholz  
Committee: Education

### **CONTENT**

The bill would amend the Safe Schools and Communities Law (within the Revised School Code) to include suspended pupils among those permitted to attend strict discipline academies.

Currently, a strict discipline academy may enroll only one or more of the following types of pupils:

- Pupils placed in the academy by a court or by the Family Independence Agency or a county juvenile facility under the direction of a court.
- Pupils who have been expelled under Section 1311 (for possession of a dangerous weapon, for committing arson, or for committing criminal sexual conduct in a school building or on school grounds).
- Pupils who have been expelled under Section 1311a (for assault against a school employee, or for a bomb threat), or under another section of the Law.
- Other expelled pupils referred to the academy by a pupil's school and placed in the academy by the pupil's parent or legal guardian.

The bill would add to this list suspended pupils who had been referred to the academy by the school and placed there by the pupil's parent or guardian.

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### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State government.

The bill could result in a minimal impact on local school districts that would place suspended pupils in a strict discipline academy. If these pupils permanently moved to the academy, the district would lose the proportionate amount of foundation allowance for the pupils.

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