



SPONSOR: Rep. Barbieri

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
145th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 33

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION BEGIN DEVELOPMENT OF STANDARDIZED STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT POLICIES FOR ALL OF DELAWARE'S PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

1 WHEREAS, House Resolution No. 22 of the 145th General Assembly created a School Discipline Task Force to
2 study and make recommendations for improving Delaware's laws, regulations and school district policies relating to school
3 discipline and violations of school codes of conducts ; and

4 WHEREAS, the Task Force has met four times since August, 2009; and

5 WHEREAS, one of the subcommittees of the Task Force was charged with making a comprehensive review of the
6 various student codes of conduct and related school climate and discipline policies; and

7 WHEREAS, to minimize potential inequities to students, their families and the public school system resulting
8 from to differences among policies, this subcommittee has recommended establishing standardized student code of conduct
9 policies in all school districts and charter schools which will include: 1) common legal definitions of student offenses that
10 lead to alternative placement or expulsion consequences; 2) common due process procedures for alternative placement
11 meetings and expulsion hearings; and 3) common procedures for the handling of Attorney General reports; and

12 WHEREAS, establishing standardized language in student code of conduct policies within and among school
13 discipline regulations will require input from several constituencies.

14 NOW THEREFORE:

15 BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the 145th General Assembly of the State of Delaware
16 hereby requests the Department of Education initiate development of standardized student code of conduct policies, which
17 will include the three areas noted above, with the input from the various stakeholders implementing, enforcing and most
18 affected by student codes of conduct

SYNOPSIS

This resolution implements a recommendation of the School Discipline Task Force which requests the Department of Education begin developing standardized school code of conduct policies with input from the relevant stakeholders.