B. 112 Student Protection Act

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IN THE CHAMBERS OF THE CENTRAL STATE MARCH 6, 2017

WHEREAS, Students can be expelled or suspended for long periods of time as punishment for small crimes and reduces the chance for them to get good grades and generally prosper in school.

To create a school discipline system that is focused on rehabilitation not punishment.

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Be it enacted by the Central State Chambers,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This act may be cited as the "Student Protection Act"

SECTION 2. GENERAL.

This Bill expresses its support for all students to be given a proper and fair education, along with the right to learn from their mistakes.

SECTION 3. DEFINITIONS.

-"Student" in its usage in this bill is defined as: A person who is under the age of 18 and currently in a public or charter school.

- "Expulsion" or "Expelled" in its usage in this bill is defined as: A student being banned indefinitely from a school in response to an action that violates the law and/or school policy.
- "Suspension" or "Suspended" in its usage in this bill is defined as: A student being banned for a certain amount of time from a school in response to an action that violates the law and/or school policy.
- -"Public School" in its usage in this bill is defined as: A school entirely operated by the government.
- -"Charter School" in its usage in this bill is defined as: a school that receives government funding but operates independently of the established public school system in which it is located.

SECTION 4. FINDINGS.

It's found that--

- (1) Many students who get expelled live a life of crime and/or join gangs to commit crime.
- (2) Students who are expelled or suspended for long periods of time often cannot get a degree or contribute to society.

SECTION 5. Discipline Reform

- (a) Student Protection-
 - (1) No public or charter school shall expel or suspend a student for over 6 months solely for the abuse of illegal substances (cocaine, alcohol, cigarettes, heroin etc.)
 - (2) If the student had abused illegal substance the state shall provide that student with rehabilitation services, counseling, anger management, or therapy at no cost to the student, guardian(s) of such student, or the school/school district of the student.
 - (3) The students school/school district or the guardian(s) may choose to send the student to rehabilitation or counseling without the student's consent if the student is under the age of 17.

SECTION 12. CONTROLLING AGENCY.

-The Great Lakes Department of Education will be charged with ensuring that this law is enforced

-If there is reason to believe a school did not follow this law the school shall be sued The Great Lakes Department of Education, if a judge finds such school(s) did break this law beyond a doubt, then the student shall have his penalty reversed and the school shall pay \$2000 fine to The Great Lakes Department of Education. These funds shall be spent on the well-being f the students in schools, not on administration.

SECTION 13. PENALTIES.

-Any head of prisons/jails, or any agencies charged with duties in this bill, who is found to not be following the requirements described in this bill, will be charged with violation of the Eighth Amendment under the crime of "cruel or unusual punishments inflicted." A head of prison/jail will have their guilt/innocence determined through a local court; the head of an agency will have their guilt/innocence determined through federal court. Any guilty sentence will require the guilty person(s) to as well pay a fine of \$4,000 to the Federal Bureau of Prisons

SECTION 14. FUNDING.

(a) \$7,500 will be added to the annual budget of the Department of Education to enforce this law.

SECTION 15. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Act shall take effect July 1, 2017 if enacted before July 1,2017

All laws or parts of laws in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict. The provisions in this act are severable, if any portion of this act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, it is the intention of this legislature that the specific section can be removed, and the other portions shall remain in full force and effect.