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Referred to Committee on EDUCATION

Introduced by:
(ED)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF ALTERNATIVE
EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR EXPELLED STUDENTS BY
BOARDS OF EDUCATION.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2019*) For the school year
2 commencing July 1, 2019, and each school year thereafter, each local
3 and regional board of education shall develop and implement a policy
4 regarding the provision of alternative educational opportunities,
5 offered pursuant to subsection (d) of section 10-233d of the general
6 statutes, as amended by this act. The provision of alternative
7 educational opportunities under such policy shall exhibit the following
8 characteristics: (1) A whole student approach, (2) a curriculum aligned
9 with guidelines approved by the State Board of Education, (3) high
10 expectations, and (4) research-based practices. Each local and regional
11 board of education shall submit such policy annually to the
12 Department of Education.

13 Sec. 2. Subsection (d) of section 10-233d of the general statutes is
14 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*

15 1, 2019):

16 (d) [No local or regional board of education is required to offer an
17 alternative educational opportunity, except in accordance with this
18 section. Any pupil under sixteen years of age who is expelled shall be
19 offered an alternative educational opportunity, which shall be (1)
20 alternative education, as defined by section 10-74j, with an
21 individualized learning plan, if such board provides such alternative
22 education, or (2) in accordance with the standards adopted by the State
23 Board of Education, pursuant to section 10-233o, during the period of
24 expulsion, provided any parent or guardian of such pupil who does
25 not choose to have his or her child enrolled in an alternative
26 educational opportunity shall not be subject to the provisions of
27 section 10-184. Any pupil expelled for the first time who is between the
28 ages of sixteen and eighteen and who wishes to continue his or her
29 education shall be offered such an alternative educational opportunity
30 if he or she complies with conditions established by his or her local or
31 regional board of education. Such alternative educational opportunity
32 may include, but shall not be limited to, the placement of a pupil who
33 is at least seventeen years of age in an adult education program
34 pursuant to section 10-69. Any pupil participating in any such adult
35 education program during a period of expulsion shall not be required
36 to withdraw from school under section 10-184. A local or regional
37 board of education shall count the expulsion of a pupil when he was
38 under sixteen years of age for purposes of determining whether an
39 alternative educational opportunity is required for such pupil when he
40 is between the ages of sixteen and eighteen. A local or regional board
41 of education may offer an alternative educational opportunity to a
42 pupil for whom such alternative educational opportunity is not
43 required pursuant to this section.] Any pupil who is expelled shall be
44 offered an alternative educational opportunity during the period of
45 expulsion, which shall be (1) alternative education, as defined by
46 section 10-74j, with an individualized learning plan, if such board
47 provides such alternative education, (2) in accordance with the policy
48 developed by such board pursuant to section 1 of this act, or (3) if such

49 pupil is at least eighteen years of age, placement in an adult education
50 program pursuant to section 10-69. No pupil participating in any such
51 adult education program during a period of expulsion shall be
52 required to withdraw from school under section 10-184. No parent or
53 guardian of a pupil who chooses to not have his or her child enrolled
54 in an alternative educational opportunity under this section shall be
55 subject to the provisions of section 10-184.

56 Sec. 3. Section 10-233o of the general statutes is repealed. (*Effective*
57 *from passage*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	10-233d(d)
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	Repealer section

Statement of Purpose:

To require boards of education to develop and implement a policy regarding the provision of alternative educational opportunities for expelled students, and to require boards of education to provide alternative educational opportunities to all expelled students.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]