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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education - Elementary Schools - Moratorium on Suspensions of Students**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting an elementary school principal from suspending any  
4 student under the principal's direction for a certain period of time starting on a  
5 certain date; requiring the county boards of education to develop and implement  
6 certain disciplinary measures by a certain date; requiring the county boards to  
7 submit a certain report to the State Department of Education by certain dates  
8 each year; requiring the State Board to submit a certain report to certain  
9 committees on or before certain dates each year; providing for the termination of  
10 this Act; and generally relating to a moratorium on suspensions of elementary  
11 school students.

12 BY adding to  
13 Article - Education  
14 Section 7-305.2  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
18 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

19 **Article - Education**

20 7-305.2.

21 (A) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF § 7-305 OF THIS SUBTITLE, A  
22 PRINCIPAL OF A PUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MAY NOT SUSPEND ANY STUDENT IN  
23 THE SCHOOL WHO IS UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE PRINCIPAL FOR A PERIOD OF 2  
24 YEARS BEGINNING THE FALL SEMESTER OF THE 2003-2004 SCHOOL YEAR.

25 (B) EACH COUNTY BOARD SHALL DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT ALTERNATE  
26 IN-SCHOOL DISCIPLINARY MEASURES FOR ELEMENTARY STUDENTS THAT INCLUDE  
27 COMMUNICATION WITH PARENTS AND ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE COMMUNITY

1 AGENCIES BY THE FIRST DAY OF THE FALL SEMESTER OF THE 2003-2004 SCHOOL  
2 YEAR.

3 (C) BY DECEMBER 1 AND MAY 1 OF EACH YEAR, EACH COUNTY BOARD SHALL  
4 SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT THAT INCLUDES A DESCRIPTION OF THE  
5 ALTERNATE IN-SCHOOL DISCIPLINARY MEASURES ADOPTED AND IMPLEMENTED.

6 (D) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT CONSISTING OF A  
7 COMPILATION OF THE REPORTS SUBMITTED BY COUNTY BOARDS TO THE  
8 DEPARTMENT UNDER SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, SUBJECT TO § 2-1246 OF  
9 THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, TO THE SENATE EDUCATION, HEALTH, AND  
10 ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AND THE HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS  
11 COMMITTEE ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1 AND JUNE 1 OF EACH YEAR.

12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take  
13 effect July 1, 2003. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of  
14 June 30, 2005, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall  
15 be abrogated and of no further force and effect.