

S.F. No. 1447 – Teacher and Classroom Safety

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Section 1. Report. Allows a teacher that was physically assaulted by a student to receive a copy of the school board’s report to the Commissioner of Education.

Section 2. Policy components. Requires a school principal to remove a student that engages in assault or violent behavior from class for at least three school days. Allows the student to return to the class after they have been given assistance to prevent future occurrences of the inappropriate behavior. The classroom teacher that disagrees with the length of time for removal from class may appeal the principal’s decision to the superintendent or charter school director.

Section 3. Notification; Teachers’ and Paraprofessionals’ Legitimate Educational Interest. (b) Includes a paraprofessional assigned to work alone or on a regular basis with a student with a disability is a person with a legitimate educational interest in knowing whether the student has a history of violent behavior.

Section 4. Teacher and Classroom Safety Coded Elsewhere.

Subdivision 1. Scope. States that the sections in subdivisions 2 to 5 are coded elsewhere and include many, but not all, sections governing teacher and classroom safety.

Subd. 2. Dismissal and disciplinary report to the commissioner. Under section 121A.52, a teacher who was physically assaulted by a student must receive a copy of the report to the commissioner.

Subd. 3. Discipline and removal of students from class. Under section 121A.61, a student must be removed from class immediately if they engage in assault or violent behavior.

Subd. 4. Teachers’ and paraprofessionals’ legitimate educational interest. (a) Under section 121A.64, a teacher has a legitimate educational interest in knowing which students placed in their classroom have a history of violent behavior.

(b) A paraprofessional assigned to work alone or on a regular basis with a student with a disability has a legitimate educational interest in knowing whether the student has a history of violent behavior.

Subd. 5. General control of school and classroom. Under section 122A.42, a teacher of record must have the general control and government of a school and classroom and may remove violent or disruptive students from class.

Subd. 6. Notice of rights and responsibilities. Requires a teacher and administrator to be informed of their rights and responsibilities under these statutes and related school and district policies.