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Bill Analysis

SB 271 authorizes each teacher or other member of staff of any school district to have control and discipline of students and keep good order in the classroom and other places where he or she is assigned to be in charge of students. The measure allows teachers and other instructional staff to take certain actions in managing student behavior and ensuring safety of all students in their classes and school. Teachers may send a student to the principal's office to maintain discipline in the classroom and to recommend an appropriate consequence. The measure also allows a teacher to remove from class a student whose behavior the teacher determines interferes with the teacher's ability to communicate effectively with students or with the ability of students to learn. It allows a principal to place a student who has been removed from class in another appropriate classroom, in in-school suspension or in an alternative education program.

The measure allows the principal to recommend out-of-school suspension or expulsion when appropriate and directs each school district to establish a placement review committee to determine the placement of a student when a teacher withholds consent to a student's return to his or her classroom. Procedures for such reviews are outlined in the measure. The measure also states that any teacher who removes 25% of his or her total class enrollment will be required to complete professional development to improve classroom management skills

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