

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, a suspension of a student may be removed if a student meets certain grade standards or the school year ends. Under University Interscholastic League (UIL) rules, a student is required to obtain a specified number of credits and to meet passing standards to participate in UIL-sponsored activities; UIL rules do not apply grades at the end of a school year to a student's suspension because students become academically eligible during the summer recess. This bill allows a suspension to remain in effect until certain academic standards are met.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 518 allows suspension of a public school student to remain in effect until certain academic standards are met.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Sections 33.081(c) and (d), Education Code, to provide that suspension of a student continues for at least three weeks and is not removed until the conditions of Subsection (d) are met. Deletes a provision that the suspension be removed during the school year. Deletes the provision that a suspension does not last beyond the end of a school year. Makes a conforming change.

SECTION 2. Provides that this Act applies beginning with the 1997-1998 school year, except that the amendment to Section 33.081, Education Code, does not apply to a suspension from extracurricular activities imposed during the 1996-1997 school year.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.
Effective date: upon passage.