

MEMORANDUM

To: Superintendents and Principals

From: Lisa Truitt, State Attendance Officer

Date: May 22, 2020

Re: House Enrolled Act (HEA) 1066 – Student Suspensions and Discipline Records (2 of 5)

Background:

House Enrolled Act 1066 (2020) is a various education matters bill affecting numerous parts of the Indiana Code (I.C.). This guidance pertains to Section 18 of HEA 1066 dealing with how school corporations provide credit to suspended students as well as Section 17 dealing with school districts' obligation to share student discipline records with requesting school districts.

Guidance:

Regarding credit for suspended students, I.C. 20-33-8-18 was amended and is reflected in the bolded language below. Effective July 1, 2020, all school principals or the principal's designee shall ensure that while a student is suspended from school the student will receive: 1) notice of any assignments or school work due; 2) teacher contact information in the event the student has questions regarding the assignments or school work; **and 3) credit, in the same manner that a student who is not suspended would receive, for any assignments or school work assigned during the period of the student's suspension that the student completes.**

Regarding discipline records, each public school, charter school, and nonpublic school with at least one employee shall provide, upon request of another school, a copy of a particular student's disciplinary records that are relevant to the safety of students, if the particular student currently attends the requesting school and is currently enrolled in the requesting school. Schools should consult with local counsel to determine how to best satisfy this statutory requirement, while maintaining compliance with any applicable state and federal privacy laws.

If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Truitt, State Attendance Officer, at 317-233-6016 or LTruitt1@doe.in.gov.

This bill was authored by Representative Jeffery Thompson. The full bill text can be found [here](#). Information regarding how to contact your legislators can be found [here](#).