

CHAPTER 347

(Senate Bill 145)

AN ACT concerning

Education - Expulsion for ~~Possessing a Weapon on~~ Bringing a Firearm onto School Property

FOR the purpose of requiring a county superintendent of schools to expel a student for a certain period of time, who ~~possesses a weapon on~~ has brought a firearm onto school property; authorizing a county superintendent of schools to ~~make~~ specify on a case by case ~~exception from basis a certain mandatory minimum~~ shorter period of expulsion or an alternative educational setting for a student who ~~possesses a weapon on~~ has brought a firearm onto school property under certain circumstances; requiring the State Board of Education to adopt certain regulations; defining a certain term; and generally relating to the expulsion of students.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Education

Section 7-304

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1992 Replacement Volume and 1994 Supplement)

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

Article - Education

7-304.

(a) (1) In accordance with the rules and regulations of the county board, each principal of a public school may suspend for cause, for not more than 5 school days, any student in the school who is under the direction of the principal.

(2) The student or his parent or guardian promptly shall be given a conference with the principal and any other appropriate personnel during the suspension period.

(b) At the request of a principal, a county superintendent may suspend a student for more than 5 school days or expel him.

(c) (1) If a principal finds that a suspension of more than 5 school days or expulsion is warranted, he immediately shall report the matter in writing to the county superintendent.

(2) The county superintendent or his designated representative promptly shall make a thorough investigation of the matter.