



# Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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## Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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**Bill:** S.B. 167 of the 130th G.A.

**Date:** January 13, 2014

**Status:** As Introduced

**Sponsor:** Sen. Tavares

**Local Impact Statement Procedure Required:** No

**Contents:** Requires school districts to eliminate current zero tolerance policies and to replace them with policies that include alternative strategies for dealing with violent, disruptive, or inappropriate student behavior

### State Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on the state.

### Local Fiscal Highlights

- A school district may experience minimal administrative costs in replacing its current zero tolerance policy with a policy that establishes certain alternative strategies to address discipline for student behavioral problems and to address bullying, harassment, and intimidation.

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### Detailed Fiscal Analysis

Current law requires each school district to have a zero tolerance policy for violent, disruptive, or inappropriate behavior. The bill removes this requirement, requires each school district to eliminate its current zero tolerance policy, and prohibits a school district from readopting its current policy or adopting a new zero tolerance policy. Instead, the bill requires that each school district adopt a policy that allows for many factors to be considered prior to the suspension or expulsion of the student. The new policies are to establish certain alternative strategies to address discipline for student behavioral problems and to address bullying, harassment, and intimidation. A school district may experience minimal administrative costs in replacing its current zero tolerance policy with a policy that follows the conditions required under the bill.

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