

Legislature - First Session - 2019

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB495

Chairperson: Senator Mike Groene

Committee: Education

Date of Hearing: February 11, 2019

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 495 requires the State Board of Education to work with schools to collect data on school disciplinary measures and law enforcement interactions in order to better examine the circumstances that lead to young people entering the criminal justice system. Data would include:

- The number of students sent to in-school suspensions, out-of-school suspensions, and expelled and the number of school days missed as a result;
- The number of students subject to mandatory school transfers due to disciplinary reasons;
- The number of students referred to law enforcement;
- The number of students ticketed, arrested, or detained at school or a school-sponsored activity;
- The use of restraints by staff or officers and room confinement or seclusion; and
- Whether a law enforcement officer is assigned to the school

Schools would report this data to the state board so that it can be analyzed by various demographic indicators such as race/ethnicity, gender, grade level and whether the student has a learning or behavioral disability.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Justin Wayne