

HOUSE BILL ANALYSIS

SB 6206

Title: An act relating to notification to schools of firearm violations by students.

Brief Description: Requiring that schools be notified of firearm violations by students.

Sponsors: Senators Spanel, Gardner, Kohl-Welles, Jacobsen, Prentice, Fairley, Wojahn, Goings, Costa, McAuliffe, Haugen, Winsley and Kline.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

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Background: Current law requires that when a youth is convicted or adjudicated of certain offenses, the court must notify the youth's parents or guardians and the principal of the youth's school. Offenses requiring notification include violent offenses, sex offenses, inhaling toxic fumes, controlled substance violations, liquor violations, assault, kidnaping, harassment, arson, and malicious mischief.

The principal must provide the criminal history information to the student's teachers, supervisors, and other personnel that the principal feels should be aware of the student's record. When a student transfers to another school, the student's criminal history information must be sent to the new school, in addition to immunization, academic, and attendance records.

Summary of Bill: Firearm and dangerous weapon violations are added to the list of offenses that require notification by the court to the youth's school.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.