

HOUSE RESEARCH

Bill Summary

FILE NUMBER: H.F. 3178

DATE: March 16, 2006

Version: First engrossment

Authors: Emmer and Severson

Subject: Suspending without pay teachers charged with felonies

Analyst: Lisa Larson

This publication can be made available in alternative formats upon request. Please call 651-296-6753 (voice); or the Minnesota State Relay Service at 1-800-627-3529 (TTY) for assistance. Summaries are also available on our website at: www.house.mn/hrd.

Overview

The statutory provision governing the immediate discharge of teachers, other than teachers teaching in school districts located in cities of the first class, allows school boards to suspend teachers with pay pending the conclusion of the discharge hearing and a determination of the issues raised in the hearing. This bill proposes to allow a school board to suspend without pay a teacher whom the board is proposing to immediately discharge for conduct that is also the subject of a felony charge. Requires a school board to reimburse the pay of a teacher who is not penalized, suspended, terminated or discharged.

Section

- 1 Immediate discharge.** Allows a school board to suspend without pay a teacher whom the school board is proposing to immediately discharge for conduct that is also the subject of a felony charge, pending the conclusion of the immediate discharge hearing and a determination of the issues raised in the hearing. Requires the school board to reimburse the teacher for the salary and other compensation it withheld if the final decision does not result in penalizing, suspending, terminating or discharging the teacher.

Makes this section immediately effective.