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Bill Summary

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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 suspended, terminated, or discharged.

- 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 including pension contributions it withheld if the final decision does not result in suspending, terminating, or discharging the teacher.

Makes this section immediately effective.