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Bill Analysis

SB 1173 directs school districts to consider certain restorative practices in lieu of out-of-school suspension. Restorative practices may include requiring a student to apologize, requiring the student to be assessed by a mental health professional, providing counseling, requiring the student to participate in in-service activities. The measure requires restorative practices to be the first consideration to certain acts and requires restorative practices be accessible to all students regardless of income or resources. The measure also requires school district policies on out-of-school suspension to facilitate the re-engagement of students who are suspended out of school or returning from an alternative school setting. In evaluating whether a student poses a threat to self, other students or school district faculty or employees, the measure directs school districts to create a threat assessment team, which may use a risk assessment screening tool.

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