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Bill Analysis

SB 588 the Students' Bill of Rights providing for certain rights to be afforded to students attending a public school district or public charter school, including the right to a safe learning environment, the right to an unbiased learning environment and the right to an appropriate relationship with teachers and school employees. It requires the rights to be included in student and employee handbooks. The measure requires school district boards of education and charter school governing boards to create a due process plan for students, parents or legal guardians and teachers to report violations of rights. It allows a parent or legal guardian to submit a written request for an initial investigation or additional investigation into a reported violation if it is signed by parents and legal guardians of 33 percent of the students enrolled in the school site where the reported violation occurred. The measure requires confirmed reports of violations to be submitted to the State Department of Education. It authorizes the State Board of Education to report a school as deficient on an accreditation report for noncompliance and impose a State Aid penalty for certain noncompliance. The bill also amends language related to Safe School Committees, directing that they hear appeals of findings on reported violations of students' rights.

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