

**Bill Summary**  
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**Bill Analysis**

SB 1811 modifies the provisions of the School Safety and Bullying Prevention Act. The measure directs each school district to promulgate a policy recognizing that each student shall have the right to defend him or herself from an attack by another student who has evidenced bullying or threatening behavior. The policy shall allow a student to use physical force to defend themselves. Additionally, if it is found that the student who used physical force was threatened, the district shall not punish the student. The policy shall also include a “zero tolerance policy,” which is defined as a policy or practice of discipline that results in an automatic disciplinary consequence such as suspension or expulsion for any student who commits one or more acts of school violence or violent behavior.

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