

HB 51 -- Suspension or Expulsion of Public School Students

Sponsor: Mayer

Current law permits a school board to suspend a pupil after notice and a hearing when the pupil has been charged with, convicted of, or pled guilty to a felony criminal violation. This bill clarifies that the pupil must have been convicted of a state or federal felony criminal violation; that an indictment has been filed alleging the pupil has committed the violation for which there has been no final judgment; or a petition has been filed that the pupil committed an act or the pupil has been adjudicated to have committed an act which, if committed by an adult, would be a felony criminal violation. The bill also removes forcible rape and sodomy from the list of offenses for which students are precluded from re-admission to school and substitutes sexual offense and prostitution felonies pursuant to Chapters 566 and 567, RSMo.