



Bill of the Week - 2/17/26
HB 298

Public elementary or secondary school students; evidence-based restorative disciplinary practices.

Bill Status

House Floor

Key Points

- Prohibits a student from being suspended or expelled unless the school first implements at least one evidence-based restorative disciplinary practice.
- Delayed enactment date of July 1, 2027.
- Requires Dept. of Ed. to develop guidelines by January 1, 2027.
- In 2022, VBPD released an [Assessment of the School to Prison Pipeline](#) which addresses many of the reasons evidence-based restorative practices are important.

Impact on Virginians

Students with disabilities are subject to inequitable discipline. Exclusionary discipline harms all students. Developing evidence-based restorative practices can reduce suspensions, improve student behavior, and create a more inclusive, supportive school culture.

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