

Lori Smith, Legislative Task Force Member
Notes from Meeting @ CEA on 10/13

Definition of “Referral to Law Enforcement” Discussion

Since no definition could be agreed upon at meeting, Chief Jackson moved on to guided discretion discussion.

Suggestion for “Referral to Law Enforcement” definition: Include several choices under the definition “Referral to Law Enforcement” that would help clarify purpose in reporting. See below:

Referral to Law Enforcement:

- _____ Student and/or parent education/prevention
- _____ Investigate criminal charges
- _____ Other (described in student reporting system)

In this way, tracking of both intervention measures and serious offenses involving law enforcement can occur.

Guided Discretion Discussion

After much discussion, some consensus was reached regarding:

- ⇒ Legislation that requires schools, districts, and BOEs to regularly review school discipline policies and student codes of conduct (no definition of “regularly” was established) with DAAC, SAAC, PTO, law enforcement officials, and/or any other organizations affiliated with the district to ensure that best practices related to student discipline and student codes of conduct are utilized.
- ⇒ Legislation that requires school discipline policies to incorporate a graduated/tiered system of disciplinary actions for both “minor” and “major” offenses and the review of best practices/policies related to a tiered system of student discipline
- ⇒ Discussion included much of the language included on pages 1-3 of bill draft