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1. As the school principal, my hands are tied with disciplining students grade 5 and under.
2. If a student in grade 5 does the same poor behavior that a 6 grader does I can not in good faith suspend one and not the other.
3. We do not have the physical resources in our area to house students that exhibit extreme behaviors that need more than we can provide in the regular ed setting.
4. When a student exhibits dangerous behaviors within the classroom setting it often holds the class "hostage". Learning can not take place.
5. Often students behaviors are beyond the expertise of the classroom teacher and they have used all the tools in the their toolbox and being left feeling defeated.
6. We have lost several teachers and ed technicians in the last couple of years due to the unsafe behaviors of students and the inability for the administration to suspend them beyond the set days by law.
7. I urge this committee to consider the needs of the schools, administrations, teachers and students when voting on this bill.