



## New Law Limits Suspensions or Expulsions of Students from School for Disruption or Willful Defiance

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On September 29, 2014, Governor Brown signed AB 420 (Roger Dickinson, D-Sacramento), which limits the ability of schools and school districts to suspend or expel students from school for disruption of school activities or willful defiance. Under AB 420, no K-12 student may be recommended for expulsion, and no K-3 students suspended from school, solely due to disruption or willful defiance. However, teachers will still maintain the power to suspend students from the classroom for disruption or defiance.

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