

November 29, 1988

ADDENDUM:

AIDS PREVENTION EDUCATION FOR STUDENTS

Adopted by Commerce Board of Education

November 2, 1987

H.B. 1798 gives the State Department of Health the express authority to convene a multi-disciplinary team meeting for the purpose of making recommendations on school placement of an HIV infected student. This team, now outlined in law, consists of:

- A parent, guardian or legal representative of the student;
- The student's physician;
- A representative of the local superintendent's office;
- A representative of the health department;
- A representative of the State Department of Education.

This team meets, reviews the pertinent information on a specified child and makes a recommendation to the school board about the student's placement.

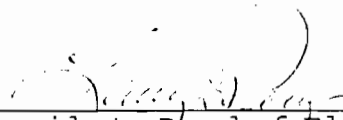
Another major change in the bill is that a local school board is not subject to the Open Meeting Act when it considers this team recommendation. Basically, this means the board can meet in private without posting agendas to consider the team recommendations.

H.B. 1798 makes school board members responsible for protecting the confidentiality of any information made available to them in their official capacity about the student.

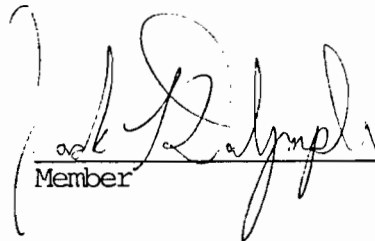
Under the terms of the act, any person who negligently or knowingly discloses or fails to protect medical or epidemiological information about a student or employee is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by jail time or a fine. Civil penalties for money damages, costs and attorney's fees are also available to an aggrieved person.

School districts are encouraged to review their written policies to be certain they

are acceptable under the terms of the amended law. The new law should be discussed with school employees so they will be well informed should their district encounter an AIDS issue.



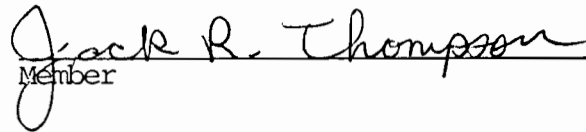
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