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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: GOVERNOR
FROM: RILEY
SUBJECT: **SB 2209**
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SB 2209

SB 2209 reenacts Section 37-11-55 which requires local school boards to adopt a Code of Student Conduct that, among other provisions, recognizes teachers' rights to remove disruptive students from the classroom. This provision was added to Section 37-11-55 last year via SB 2239, the School Safety Act of 2001. SB 2209 also amends the reenacted Section 37-11-55 to extend the repealer on the provisions of that section relating to teachers' rights to remove disruptive students from July 1, 2002, to July 1, 2004.

The only discussion on this bill in committee centered around Steve Williams' of MDE comment that everyone expected a lot of "fallout" from the School Safety Act, but that there hasn't been much activity related to it.

According to Terry Lynn Hamm, MAE does not have a position on this bill. They contacted 5 districts of varying sizes and inquired as to their opinion on SB 2209. According to Terry Lynn, these 5 districts said that the School Safety Act is not being utilized in their areas because they feel that their local discipline policies suffice.

I recommend that you sign SB 2209.