

H.B. 414 Student Right to Council Rep. Jordan Teuscher

Key Terms:

Student disciplinary proceeding: A proceeding initiated by an institution to determine whether an accused student has violated a policy or rule, excluding proceedings solely involving academic dishonesty.

Student organization disciplinary proceeding: A proceeding initiated by an institution to determine whether an accused student organization has violated a rule or policy, excluding proceedings solely involving academic dishonesty.

Nonattorney advocate: An individual who is not licensed to practice law and whom an accused student, alleged victim, or accused student organization selects to assist them in the disciplinary proceeding.



What Does HB 414 Do?

- The bill provides clarity on the rights and responsibilities of both governmental entities and individuals or entities seeking legal recourse against them.
- The notice to the accused student must state that they are presumed innocent until either they admit responsibility for the alleged violation or the institution proves the violation in a disciplinary proceeding.
- Institutions cannot prohibit legal representation or nonattorney advocates for accused students, accused student organizations, or alleged victims in disciplinary proceedings.

Why is this bill important?

This bill is important because it ensures fairness and transparency in student disciplinary proceedings within educational institutions. By allowing accused students, alleged victims, and student organizations access to all relevant evidence and the right to legal representation, it promotes due process and protects individuals' rights.

