

## Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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To Whom It May Concern,

This letter is in relation to proposed amendments to the Education General Provisions Act introduced to QLD Parliament. The feedback outlined in this letter is on behalf of QTU members at Laidley State High School.

- deputy principals to be able to notify of suspensions (currently suspensions do not take effect until the school principal makes the notification).

Our members are supportive of this amendment.

- the introduction of re-entry support plans for First Nations students, students with disabilities and prep students

Our members are not supportive of this amendment. Our members would like to see clear expectations and more clarity on this amendment. Members feel that this will impact on workload and would like to see more resources for re-entry meetings such as additional staff to streamline processes.

- the ability to appeal student disciplinary absences (SDAs) if they exceed 11 cumulative days per year

Our members are not supportive of this amendment. This proposal will have a significant impact on the workload of Principals and Deputy Principals. Staff already investigate, consult, contact parents and process paper work and complete re-entry meetings which is already a time-consuming process. This will empower parents resulting in more conflict between communities and schools. Classroom teachers feel that this will create additional dysfunctional behaviour from students and degrade staff well-being which affects the retention of staff. There will also be less support for teaching staff because leaders are busy with paperwork instead of supporting staff and students.

Yours faithfully,

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Union Representative

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