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PROPOSED STUDENT DISCIPLINE REGULATIONS NOW AVAILABLE AND OPEN FOR COMMENT

The Massachusetts Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (“the Board”) has released proposed regulations on implementing the new student discipline law, set forth at Chapter 222 of the Acts of 2012, entitled *An Act Relative to Student Access to Educational Services and Exclusion from School* (“New School Discipline Law”). The New School Discipline Law takes effect July 1, 2014, and requires schools to follow specific procedures relating to school discipline, including the provision of an opportunity to make academic progress to students who have been suspended, expelled, or otherwise excluded from class.

The proposed regulations (603 CMR 53.00) can be found at: <http://www.doe.mass.edu/boe/docs/2014-01/item2-p603cmr53.pdf>. The Board is soliciting public comments on the proposed regulations until **March 7, 2014**. The regulations are expected to be finalized on **March 25, 2014**.

For a copy of K&B’s prior alerts on the New School Discipline Law, please click [here](#) and [here](#).

Please contact Attorneys Elka Sachs (esachs@kb-law.com) or Anjali Waikar (awaikar@kb-law.com) if you have questions regarding the proposed regulations or would like assistance with submitting comments.