

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**STATE OF GEORGIA**

<b>S. T.,</b>	:	
	:	
<b>Appellant,</b>	:	
	:	<b>CASE NO. 1996-52</b>
<b>vs.</b>	:	
	:	<b>DECISION</b>
<b>STEPHENS COUNTY</b>	:	
<b>BOARD OF EDUCATION,</b>	:	
	:	
<b>Appellee.</b>	:	

This is an appeal by S. T. (Student) from a decision by the Stephens County Board of Education to suspend him through the end of the 1995-1996 school year after a Student Disciplinary Tribunal found him guilty of possessing marijuana and using vulgar language. The Student filed his appeal thirty-two (32) days after the Local Board's decision was made. The appeal, therefore, was untimely filed and the State Board of Education is without jurisdiction to consider the matter. O.C.G.A. § 20-2-1160. In addition, the suspension period has passed and the issues, therefore, are moot. Accordingly, the appeal is hereby DISMISSED.

This 14<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1996.

Robert M. Brinson  
Vice Chairman for Appeals