

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
STATE OF GEORGIA

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| H. H., | : | |
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| Appellant, | : | |
| | : | CASE NO. 1996-69 |
| vs. | : | |
| | : | DECISION |
| HOUSTON COUNTY | : | |
| BOARD OF EDUCATION, | : | |
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| Appellee. | : | |

This is an appeal by H. H. (Student) from a decision by the Houston County Board of Education (Local Board) to uphold the decision of a student disciplinary tribunal to suspend her for the remainder of the fall semester of the 1996-1997 school year after finding that she had consumed an alcoholic beverage on the school campus. The Student claims that the Local Board abused its discretion by permitting the administrators at Warner Robins High School to threaten students, and by ruling against her based on the coerced statements of two other students. Additionally, the Student claims that the Local Board abused its discretion by having a zero tolerance policy without taking into consideration a student's prior record. The expulsion term has passed and the State Board of Education is unable to provide the Student with any relief. The issues, therefore, are moot. Because the issues are moot, the appeal is hereby DISMISSED.

This 10TH day of April, 1997.

Dr. Bill Grow, Ms. Willou Smith , and Mr. J.T. Williams were not present.

Larry Thompson
Vice Chairman for Appeals