

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
STATE OF GEORGIA**

<b>R. H.,</b>	:	
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<b>Appellant,</b>	:	
	:	
<b>vs.</b>	:	<b>CASE NO. 1997-25</b>
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<b>MCDUFFIE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION,</b>	:	<b>DECISION</b>
	:	
<b>Appellee</b>	:	

This is an appeal by R. H. (Student) from a decision by the McDuffie County Board of Education to expel him until the end of the 1997-1998 school year, with the option of attending an alternative school at the beginning of the second semester of the 1997-1998 school year after a Student Disciplinary Tribunal found him guilty of possessing marijuana on school grounds. The Student failed to file a brief or request oral argument. The Student's appeal, therefore, is deemed to have been abandoned. *Chris M. v. McIntosh County Bd. of Educ.*, Case No. 1995-47 (Ga. State Board of Education, Jan. 11, 1996). Accordingly, the appeal is hereby  
**DISMISSED.**

This 11<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1997.

Larry Thompson  
Vice Chairman for Appeals