Suspension and expulsion rates for students eligible for special education. (1) Annually, school districts shall report to the state on the rates of long-term suspensions and expulsions of students eligible for special education and nondisabled students for the preceding school year. The state shall examine this data, including data disaggregated by race and ethnicity, to determine if significant discrepancies are occurring:

(a) Among school districts or other public agencies; or
(b) Between nondisabled students and students eligible for special education within school districts or other public agencies.

(2) If discrepancies are occurring, the state shall review and if appropriate, require revisions in state, school district or other public agency policies, procedures, and practices to ensure compliance with the act.

(3) Policies, procedures, and practices to be reviewed and, if appropriate, revised, include:

(a) The development and implementation of individualized education programs;
(b) The use of positive behavioral interventions and supports; and
(c) Procedural safeguards.

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