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OAKLAND, Calif. (UPI) — Transsexual teacher Steve Dain is having more success in the courts than on the campus.

School administrators in nearby Emeryville barred the former Doris Richards from the classroom when she returned to Emery High School this fall as a bearded male.

Dain, in his 30s, took the case to Alameda Superior Court, where a judge ordered school officials to assign him a job and pay him \$3,200 in back pay.

The short, stocky girls' physical education teacher won another court battle Tuesday when Oakland-Piedmont Municipal Court Judge Roderic Duncan dismissed "willful disturbance" charges against him.

School Superintendent Lewis Stommel brought the charges on Sept. 2 after Dain ignored an order not to attend a teacher orientation meeting.

Stommel testified he had seen Dain lecturing some students about his sex change operation in violation of regulations requiring school board and parental approval of sex education on campus. Dain took sick leave and had the operation at Stanford University sex change clinic earlier this year.

In a related action out of court, Stommel suspended Dain on charges of "immoral conduct" and "evident unfitness for service" which the school district trustees will consider Thursday night.