

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2274

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5 By: Representatives House, Weaver, Green, Elliott, Bolin, P. Bookout, Oglesby, Seawel, L. Prater,
6 Hutchinson, Mack, Fite, Chesterfield, Dickinson, Dangeau, Boyd, Blair, Rankin, Parks, Hathorn, Moore,
7 Sumpter
8 By: Senators J. Jeffress, Wilkins, J. Bookout, Wooldridge, Baker, G. Jeffress, Faris, Bryles

For An Act To Be Entitled

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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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26 SECTION 1. (a) The school board of directors in every school district
27 shall adopt policies to prevent pupil harassment, also known as "bullying".

28 (b) The policies shall:

29 (1) Clearly define conduct that constitutes bullying;

30 (2) Prohibit bullying while on school property, at school
31 sponsored activities, and on school buses;

32 (3) State the consequences for engaging in the prohibited
33 conduct, which may vary depending on the age or grade of the student
34 involved;

35 (4) Require that a school employee who has witnessed, or has
36 reliable information that, a pupil has been a victim of bullying, as defined



1 by the district, shall report the incident to the principal of the school;

2 (5) Require that the policy be conspicuously posted in every
3 classroom, cafeteria, restroom, gymnasium, auditorium, and school bus in the
4 district; and

5 (6) Require copies of the policy to be provided to parents,
6 students, school volunteers, and employees.

7 (c) A school employee who has reported violations under the school
8 district's policy shall be immune from any cause of action which may arise
9 from the failure to remedy the reported incident.

10 (d) The local school board may provide opportunities for school
11 employees to participate in programs or other activities designed to develop
12 the knowledge and skills to prevent and respond to acts covered by this
13 policy.

14 (e)(1) The school district shall file with the Department of Education
15 a copy of the policies adopted in compliance with this section.

16 (2) The State Board of Education shall review the policies
17 provided by the school districts and may recommend changes or improvements to
18 the districts if the board determines the policies need improvement.

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