

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.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1708

5 By: Representative Rosenbaum
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT AMEND ANTIBULLYING POLICIES; TO PROVIDE
10 PROCEDURES FOR MAKING ANONYMOUS REPORTS OF
11 BULLYING; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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14 PROVIDE PROCEDURES FOR MAKING ANONYMOUS
15 REPORTS OF BULLYING.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-18-514 is amended to read as follows:

22 6-18-514. Antibullying policies.

23 (a) The school board of directors in every school district shall adopt
24 policies to prevent pupil harassment, also known as bullying.

25 (b) The policies shall:

26 (1) Clearly define conduct that constitutes bullying;

27 (2) Prohibit bullying while in school, on school property, in
28 school vehicles, on school buses, at designated school bus stops, at school-
29 sponsored activities, or at school sanctioned events, ~~and on school buses~~;

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

33 (4) Require that a school employee who has witnessed or has
34 reliable information that a pupil has been a victim of bullying as defined by
35 *the district* shall report the incident to the principal;

36 (5) Include procedures for handling anonymous reporting of



1 incidents of bullying, including the protection of the identity of the
2 alleged victim of an incident of bullying;

3 ~~(5)~~(6) Require that notice of what constitutes bullying, that
4 bullying is prohibited, and the consequences of engaging in bullying be
5 conspicuously posted in every classroom, cafeteria, restroom, gymnasium,
6 auditorium, and school bus in the district; and

7 ~~(6)~~(7) Require that copies of the notice of what constitutes
8 bullying, that bullying is prohibited, and the consequences of engaging in
9 bullying be provided to parents, students, school volunteers, and employees.
10 Each policy shall require that a full copy of the policy be made available
11 upon request.

12 (c) A school employee who has reported violations under the school
13 district's policy shall be immune from any tort liability that may arise from
14 the failure to remedy the reported incident.

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

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

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

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25 /s/ Rosenbaum
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