

HOUSE BILL NO. 1250

Introduced by

Representatives Koppelman, L. Meier, Ruby, Hunsakor

Senators Freborg, Wardner

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact two new sections to chapter 15.1-19 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to school district bullying policies.

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

4 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 15.1-19 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
5 and enacted as follows:

6 **Bullying - Required school district policy.**

- 7 1. Each school district shall enact a policy to prohibit bullying by any student:
- 8 a. While on school district premises;
- 9 b. During any school-sponsored event or activity, regardless of location;
- 10 c. While being transported by any means of transportation provided or supported by
11 the school district; and
- 12 d. While using any electronic or technological device provided or supported in whole
13 or in part by the school district.
- 14 2. The policy required by this section must include:
- 15 a. A procedure under which a recipient of or a witness to bullying can report the
16 incident to a teacher, administrator, or other school district employee;
- 17 b. The procedure for investigating an allegation of bullying;
- 18 c. The conditions under which parents of the recipient and the parents of the
19 student alleged to have engaged in bullying are to be notified of the allegation;
20 and
- 21 d. The conditions under which the school district must notify law enforcement
22 officers that a criminal act is alleged to have been committed.
- 23 3. Each school district shall provide an opportunity for public comment before the
24 development and implementation of the policy.

1 4. Each school district shall provide copies of its bullying policy to all employees and to
2 students in age-appropriate terms, and shall notify students' parents that the plan is
3 available electronically on the school district website and in printed form upon request.

4 **SECTION 2.** A new section to chapter 15.1-19 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
5 and enacted as follows:

6 **School district - Immunity from liability.**

7 A school district and its employees are immune from any liability that might otherwise be
8 incurred as a result of a student having been the recipient of bullying, if the school district
9 implemented a bullying policy as required by section 1 of this Act and substantially complied
10 with that policy.