

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.