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INTRODUCTION**

SENATE FILE NO.

Safe school and climate act amendments.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Ellis

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the safe school and climate act;
2 clarifying application of the act; modifying requirements;
3 making conforming amendments; and providing for an
4 effective date.

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6 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 21-4-313(a)(intro), 21-4-314(a),
9 (b)(iii), (iv), (ix), (c) and (e) are amended to read:

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11 **21-4-313. Prohibition against harassment,**
12 **intimidation or bullying; reporting to school officials.**

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1 (a) No person, including but not limited to students,
2 school or district employees, administrators or volunteers,
3 shall engage in:

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5 **21-4-314. School district implementation; state**
6 **policies, training and technical assistance.**

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8 (a) ~~Not later than December 31, 2009,~~ Each school
9 district shall adopt a policy prohibiting harassment,
10 intimidation or bullying at school. The school district
11 shall involve parents and guardians, school employees,
12 volunteers, students, administrators and community
13 representatives in the process of creating the policy. The
14 policy shall address harassment, intimidation or bullying
15 occurring or received at school committed by any person,
16 including but not limited to students, school or district
17 employees, administrators and volunteers. Policies created
18 under this section shall be continuously reviewed and may
19 be revised as necessary.

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21 (b) The policy prohibiting harassment, intimidation
22 or bullying shall include, without limitation:

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2 (iii) Consequences and appropriate remedial
3 actions for persons, including but not limited to students,
4 school or district employees, administrators and
5 volunteers, committing acts of harassment, intimidation or
6 bullying or engaging in reprisal or retaliation;

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8 (iv) Procedures for reporting and documenting
9 acts of harassment, intimidation or bullying, including a
10 provision for reporting anonymously. ~~However, formal~~
11 ~~disciplinary action shall not be taken solely on the basis~~
12 ~~of an anonymous report.~~ The procedures shall identify the
13 appropriate school personnel responsible for receiving a
14 report and investigating a complaint;

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16 (ix) A process for discussing the district's
17 harassment, intimidation or bullying policy with students,
18 school or district employees, administrators and
19 volunteers; and

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21 (c) To assist local school districts in developing a
22 policy under subsection (b) of this section, the department

1 of education shall not later than September 1, ~~2009~~2023,
2 develop model policies applicable to grades kindergarten
3 through twelve (12) and teacher preparation program
4 standards on the identification and prevention of bullying.
5 In addition, the department shall provide necessary
6 training programs and technical assistance to districts in
7 carrying out this act.

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9 (e) Information regarding the school district's
10 policy against harassment, intimidation or bullying shall
11 be incorporated into each district's professional
12 development programs and shall be provided to volunteers
13 and other noncertified employees of the district who have
14 ~~significant~~ contact with students.

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16 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2023.

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