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INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE BILL NO.

Safe school and climate act amendments-1.

Sponsored by: Joint Education Interim Committee

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, at a minimum,  
10 harassment, intimidation or bullying at school. The school  
11 district shall involve parents and guardians, school  
12 employees, volunteers, students, administrators and  
13 community representatives in the process of creating the  
14 policy. The policy shall address harassment, intimidation  
15 or bullying occurring or received at school committed by  
16 any person, including but not limited to students, school  
17 or district employees, administrators and volunteers.  
18 Policies created under this section shall be continuously  
19 reviewed and may 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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1 (iii) Consequences and appropriate remedial  
2 actions for persons, including but not limited to students,  
3 school or district employees, administrators and  
4 volunteers, committing acts of harassment, intimidation or  
5 bullying or engaging in reprisal or retaliation;

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

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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  
23 of education shall not later than September 1, ~~2009~~2023,

1 develop model policies applicable to grades kindergarten  
2 through twelve (12) and teacher preparation program  
3 standards on the identification and prevention of bullying.  
4 In addition, the department shall provide necessary  
5 training programs and technical assistance to districts in  
6 carrying out this act.

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

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

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