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**Amendment**

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To: Subst. House Bill No. 5425

File No. 379

Cal. No. 227

**"AN ACT CONCERNING BULLYING BEHAVIOR IN SCHOOLS."**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the  
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2002*) Each local and regional  
4 board of education shall develop a policy, for use on and after October  
5 1, 2002, to address the existence of bullying in its schools. Such policy  
6 shall: (1) Enable students to anonymously report acts of bullying to  
7 teachers and school administrators, (2) enable the parents or guardians  
8 of students to file written reports of suspected bullying, (3) require  
9 teachers and other school staff who witness acts of bullying or receive  
10 student reports of bullying to notify school administrators, (4) require  
11 school administrators to investigate any written reports filed pursuant  
12 to subdivision (2) of this section and to review any anonymous reports,  
13 (5) include an intervention strategy for school staff to deal with

14 bullying, (6) provide for the inclusion of language in student codes of  
15 conduct concerning bullying, (7) require the parents or guardians of  
16 students who commit any verified acts of bullying and the parents or  
17 guardians of students against whom such acts were directed to be  
18 notified, and (8) require each school to maintain a list of the number of  
19 verified acts of bullying in such school and make such list available for  
20 public inspection. The notification required pursuant to subdivision (7)  
21 of this section shall include a description of the response of school staff  
22 to such acts and any consequences that may result from the  
23 commission of further acts of bullying. For purposes of this section,  
24 "bullying" means any overt acts by a student or a group of students  
25 directed against another student with the intent to ridicule, humiliate  
26 or intimidate the other student while on school grounds or at a school-  
27 sponsored activity which acts are repeated against the same student  
28 over time."

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2002</i>