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Offered by:
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(As Amended)

"AN ACT CONCERNING BULLYING BEHAVIOR IN SCHOOLS."

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- 1 Strike section 1 and insert the following in lieu thereof:
- 2 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2002*) Each local and regional
- 3 board of education shall develop a policy, for use on and after
- 4 February 1, 2003, to address the existence of bullying in its schools.
- 5 Such policy shall: (1) Enable students to anonymously report acts of
- 6 bullying to teachers and school administrators, (2) enable the parents
- 7 or guardians of students to file written reports of suspected bullying,
- 8 (3) require teachers and other school staff who witness acts of bullying
- 9 or receive student reports of bullying to notify school administrators,
- 10 (4) require school administrators to investigate any written reports
- 11 filed pursuant to subdivision (2) of this section and to review any
- 12 anonymous reports, (5) include an intervention strategy for school staff
- 13 to deal with bullying, (6) provide for the inclusion of language in
- 14 student codes of conduct concerning bullying, (7) require the parents

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