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**"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) require teachers and other  
8 school staff who witness acts of bullying or receive student reports of  
9 bullying to notify school administrators, (3) require school  
10 administrators to investigate such reports, (4) include an intervention  
11 strategy for school staff to deal with bullying, (5) provide for the  
12 inclusion of language in student codes of conduct concerning bullying,  
13 and (6) require the parents or guardians of students who commit any  
14 verified acts of bullying and the parents or guardians of students  
15 against whom such acts were directed to be notified. Such notification  
16 shall include a description of the response of school staff to such acts

17 and any consequences that may result from the commission of further  
18 acts of bullying. For purposes of this section, "bullying" means any  
19 pattern of overt acts by a student or a group of students directed  
20 against another student with the intent to ridicule, humiliate or  
21 intimidate the other student while on school grounds or at a school-  
22 sponsored activity.

23 Sec. 2. Subsection (c) of section 10-220 of the general statutes is  
24 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
25 *1, 2002*):

26 (c) Annually, each local and regional board of education shall  
27 submit to the Commissioner of Education a strategic school profile  
28 report for each school under its jurisdiction and for the school district  
29 as a whole. The superintendent of each local and regional school  
30 district shall present the profile report at the next regularly scheduled  
31 public meeting of the board of education after each November first.  
32 The profile report shall provide information on measures of (1) student  
33 needs, (2) school resources, including technological resources and  
34 utilization of such resources and infrastructure, (3) student and school  
35 performance, (4) equitable allocation of resources among its schools,  
36 (5) reduction of racial, ethnic and economic isolation, and (6) special  
37 education. In addition, the profile report shall include the number of  
38 verified reports of bullying behavior for the prior school year about  
39 which parents and guardians were notified pursuant to subdivision (6)  
40 of section 1 of this act. For purposes of this subsection, measures of  
41 special education include (A) special education identification rates by  
42 disability, (B) rates at which special education students are exempted  
43 from mastery testing pursuant to section 10-14q, as amended, (C)  
44 expenditures for special education, including such expenditures as a  
45 percentage of total expenditures, (D) achievement data for special  
46 education students, (E) rates at which students identified as requiring  
47 special education are no longer identified as requiring special  
48 education, (F) the availability of supplemental educational services for  
49 students lacking basic educational skills, (G) the amount of special  
50 education student instructional time with nondisabled peers, (H) the

51 number of students placed out-of-district, and (I) the actions taken by  
52 the school district to improve special education programs, as indicated  
53 by analyses of the local data provided in subparagraphs (A) to (H),  
54 inclusive, of this subdivision."

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2002</i>
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2002</i>