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**Amendment**

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To: Subst. House Bill No. 5425

File No. 379

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

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