

Sixty-second
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

HOUSE BILL NO. 1147

Introduced by

Representatives Hanson, Rust, Vigesaa, Mock

Senators Wardner, Heckaman

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15.1-07 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to school district bullying policies.

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

4 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 15.1-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
5 and enacted as follows:

6 **Bullying - Required policy.**

7 1. Each school district shall develop a policy to prohibit the bullying of one student by
8 another. The policy must include:

9 a. The procedure to be followed by a student in reporting an alleged act of bullying
10 to a designated employee at the student's school;

11 b. The procedure to be followed by school personnel in investigating a report of
12 alleged bullying;

13 c. A procedure for notifying the parents of each student involved in an incident
14 determined by school personnel to constitute bullying; and

15 d. Disciplinary measures to be imposed by the student's school if a student is found
16 to have engaged in bullying.

17 2. For purposes of this section, "bullying" means any physical act, verbal utterance, or
18 written or electronic communication that is directed toward a student and which:

19 a. Causes the student to fear harm to the student's person or property;

20 b. Has a detrimental effect on the student's physical or mental health;

21 c. Interferes substantially with the student's academic performance; or

22 d. Interferes substantially with the student's ability to participate in or benefit from
23 services, activities, or privileges provided by a school district.

- 1 3. A policy developed under this section may not impede or preclude a student, the
- 2 student's parents, or school officials from directly reporting to law enforcement officials
- 3 any behavior that constitutes a violation of criminal law under title 12.1.