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AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC EDUCATION; REQUIRING THE PUBLIC EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TO ESTABLISH GUIDELINES FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO DEVELOP BULLYING PREVENTION POLICIES AND PROGRAMS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. A new section of the Public School Code is enacted to read:

"BULLYING PREVENTION PROGRAMS.--The department shall establish guidelines for bullying prevention policies to be promulgated by local school boards. Every local school board shall promulgate a bullying prevention policy by August 2011. Every public school shall implement a bullying prevention program by August 2012."

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