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HOUSE BILL 490

50TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2011

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AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS; REQUIRING SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO
INCLUDE IN THEIR DISCIPLINE POLICIES OR TO CREATE CODES OF
CONDUCT FOR PARENTS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS OR AT SCHOOL- OR NEW-
MEXICO-ATHLETIC-ASSOCIATION-SPONSORED EVENTS AND FOR BEHAVIOR
RELATED TO THEIR CHILDREN'S BEHAVIOR; CREATING A CRIME;
PRESCRIBING PENALTIES.

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:

"[NEW MATERIAL] SCHOOL CODES OF CONDUCT FOR PARENTS--
ENCOURAGING VIOLENCE--MISDEMEANOR.--

A. Each school district shall adopt as part of its
school discipline policies or as separate parental codes of
conduct the expectations of the school district and public

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1 schools as to appropriate parental behavior on school grounds
2 or at school- or New-Mexico-athletic-association-sponsored
3 events. Parents are expected to behave civilly to students,
4 teachers, other public school staff, other parents and any
5 other people on school grounds or at school- or New-Mexico-
6 athletic-association-sponsored events. In addition to any
7 other penalty under law, a parent who assaults or batters a
8 student, including the parent's child; a teacher or other
9 school employee; another parent; or anyone else on school
10 grounds or at a New-Mexico-athletic-association-sponsored event
11 shall be barred from the school grounds or any New Mexico
12 athletic association-sponsored event for a period of time
13 specified by the local superintendent or the association.

14 B. A parent shall not encourage the parent's child
15 to engage in violence against another student, a teacher or
16 other public school employee, another parent or any other
17 person. A parent who encourages the parent's child to engage
18 in violence against another student, a public school employee,
19 another parent or any other person is guilty of a misdemeanor
20 and upon conviction shall be sentenced as provided in Section
21 31-19-1 NMSA 1978. As used in this subsection, "violence"
22 means assault or battery.

23 C. The department, with the assistance of the New
24 Mexico coalition of school administrators, shall develop a
25 model parental code of conduct for local school boards."

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