

HOUSE BILL No. 4201

February 1, 2007, Introduced by Rep. Wenke and referred to the Committee on Education.

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled
"The revised school code,"
(MCL 380.1 to 380.1852) by adding sections 1310b, 1526b, and 1531f.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 SEC. 1310B. NOT LATER THAN JANUARY 1, 2008, THE BOARD OF A
2 SCHOOL DISTRICT OR INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT OR BOARD OF
3 DIRECTORS OF A PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY SHALL ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT A
4 POLICY ON BULLYING AND HARASSMENT. AT A MINIMUM, THE POLICY SHALL
5 DEFINE BULLYING AND HARASSMENT, PRESCRIBE CONSEQUENCES FOR PUPILS
6 FOR BULLYING OR HARASSMENT, AND ESTABLISH A PROCEDURE FOR THE
7 INVESTIGATION OF A REPORT MADE BY A PUPIL OR EMPLOYEE THAT AN
8 INCIDENT OF BULLYING OR HARASSMENT HAS OCCURRED. IN ADOPTING AND

1 IMPLEMENTING THE POLICY, THE BOARD OR BOARD OF DIRECTORS SHALL TAKE
2 INTO ACCOUNT THE CONCERNS AND OPINIONS OF PARENTS OF PUPILS OF THE
3 SCHOOL DISTRICT OR PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY.

4 SEC. 1526B. BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2008, THE BOARD OF A SCHOOL
5 DISTRICT OR INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT OR BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF A
6 PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY SHALL ENSURE THAT A PORTION OF EACH TEACHER'S
7 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT UNDER SECTION 1526 ADDRESSES CLASSROOM
8 MANAGEMENT; HOW TO IDENTIFY BULLYING AND HARASSMENT, AS DEFINED IN
9 THE LOCAL POLICY ADOPTED UNDER SECTION 1310B; AND APPROPRIATE
10 STRATEGIES AND METHODS TO ADDRESS BULLYING AND HARASSMENT, AS
11 DEFINED IN THE LOCAL POLICY ADOPTED UNDER SECTION 1310B.

12 SEC. 1531F. BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2008, THE SUPERINTENDENT OF
13 PUBLIC INSTRUCTION SHALL NOT ISSUE AN INITIAL TEACHING CERTIFICATE
14 TO A PERSON UNLESS THE PERSON PRESENTS EVIDENCE SATISFACTORY TO THE
15 SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION THAT THE PERSON HAS RECEIVED
16 INSTRUCTION DURING HIS OR HER TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAM ON
17 CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT, HOW TO IDENTIFY BULLYING AND HARASSMENT, AND
18 APPROPRIATE STRATEGIES AND METHODS TO ADDRESS BULLYING AND
19 HARASSMENT.