

Subject Misconduct in schools

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Summary

This bill codes a new statute defining “malicious and sadistic conduct,” and requiring school boards to prohibit malicious and sadistic conduct involving race, religion, sexual harassment, sexual orientation, and sexual exploitation by a district or school staff member or student against another staff member or student. The new statute references the student bullying statute, which requires public schools to adopt a policy that addresses bullying. “Malicious and sadistic conduct” means creating a hostile learning environment by acting with the intent to cause harm by intentionally injuring another without just cause or reason or engaging in extreme or excessive cruelty or delighting in cruelty.