



1 official who participates in the investigation of reports of  
2 bullying as required by subsection A of Section 24-100.4 of this  
3 title. The Committee may include administrators, school staff,  
4 school volunteers, community representatives, and local law  
5 enforcement agencies. The Committee shall assist the school board  
6 in promoting a positive school climate through planning,  
7 implementing and evaluating effective prevention, readiness and  
8 response strategies, including the policy required by Section 24-  
9 100.4 of this title.

10 B. The Safe School Committee shall study and make  
11 recommendations to the principal regarding:

12 1. Unsafe conditions, possible strategies for students, faculty  
13 and staff to avoid physical and emotional harm at school, student  
14 victimization, crime prevention, school violence, and other issues  
15 which prohibit the maintenance of a safe school;

16 2. Student bullying as defined in Section 24-100.3 of this  
17 title;

18 3. Professional development needs of faculty and staff to  
19 recognize and implement methods to decrease student bullying; and

20 4. Methods to encourage the involvement of the community and  
21 students, the development of individual relationships between  
22 students and school staff, and use of problem-solving teams and  
23 resources that include counselors and other behavioral health  
24 resources within or outside the school system.

1 In its considerations, the Safe School Committee shall review  
2 the district policy for the prevention of bullying and the list of  
3 research-based programs appropriate for the prevention of bullying  
4 of students at school compiled by the State Department of Education.  
5 In addition, the Committee may review traditional and accepted  
6 bullying prevention programs utilized by other states, state  
7 agencies, or school districts.

8 C. The Safe School Committee may study and make recommendations  
9 to the principal regarding the development of a rape or sexual  
10 assault response program that may be implemented at the school site  
11 that would inform students and school staff on the appropriate  
12 emotional response and victim support needs and treatment following  
13 a rape or sexual assault incident that occurs at school or involves  
14 a student.

15 D. The State Department of Education shall:

16 1. Develop a model policy and deliver training materials to all  
17 school districts on the components that should be included in a  
18 school district policy for the prevention of bullying; and

19 2. Compile and distribute to each public school site,  
20 prominently display on the State Department of Education website and  
21 annually publicize in print media a list of research-based programs  
22 appropriate for the prevention of bullying of students. If a school  
23 district implements a commercial bullying prevention program, it  
24 shall use a program listed by the State Department of Education.

1        ~~D.~~ E. The provisions of this section shall not apply to  
2 technology center schools.

3        SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2015.

4        SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
5 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby  
6 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
7 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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9 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON COMMON EDUCATION, dated 02/25/2015  
10 - DO PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.