

**Education Administration & Planning 1**

**Amendment No. 1 to HB1976**

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**Signature of Sponsor**

**AMEND Senate Bill No. 2002**

**House Bill No. 1976\***

by deleting SECTION 2 and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-4503(b)(6), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting instead:

(6) A procedure for the prompt and immediate investigation when an act of harassment, intimidation, bullying, or cyber-bullying is reported to the principal, the principal's designee, teacher, or school counselor. The principal or the principal's designee shall initiate the investigation within forty-eight (48) hours of receipt of the report, unless the need for more time is appropriately documented, and the principal or the principal's designee shall initiate an appropriate intervention within twenty (20) calendar days of receipt of the report, unless the need for more time is appropriately documented;

**AND FURTHER AMEND** by deleting SECTION 4 and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-4503(c)(2)(B), is amended by deleting the subdivision in its entirety and substituting instead:

(B) Beginning August 1, 2016, and annually thereafter, complete and submit a report to the department of education. The report shall be in a format provided by the department and shall include:

(i) The number of harassment, intimidation, bullying, or cyber-bullying cases brought to the attention of school officials during the preceding year;

(ii) The number of harassment, intimidation, bullying, or cyber-bullying cases where the investigation supported a finding that bullying had taken place;

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(iii) The number of harassment, intimidation, bullying, or cyber-bullying case investigations not initiated within forty-eight (48) hours of the receipt of the report and the reason the investigation was not initiated within forty-eight (48) hours;

(iv) The number of harassment, intimidation, bullying, or cyber-bullying cases where an appropriate intervention was not initiated within twenty (20) calendar days of receipt of the report and the reason the intervention took longer than twenty (20) calendar days to initiate; and

(v) The type of harassment, intimidation, bullying, or cyber-bullying identified and manner in which the harassment, intimidation, bullying, or cyber-bullying cases were resolved, including any disciplinary action against the student who was harassing, intimidating, bullying, or cyber-bullying.