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SENATE BILL 1023

Short Title: Safer Schools. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Stein; Davis, Dorsett, Garrou, Kinnaird, Nesbitt, and Stevens.

Referred to: Education/Higher Education.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW TO MAKE SCHOOLS SAFER.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 115C-288(g) reads as rewritten:

"(g) To Report Certain Acts to Law Enforcement. – ~~When~~ A principal shall immediately notify the appropriate local law enforcement agency when the principal has personal knowledge or actual notice from school personnel that an act has occurred on school property involving one of the following: (i) assault resulting in serious personal injury, (ii) assault on school personnel, (iii) communication of a threat to do physical injury to school personnel or a member of the personnel's family that places the school personnel in reasonable apprehension that the threat will be carried out, (iv) sexual assault, (v) sexual offense, (vi) rape, (vii) kidnapping, (viii) indecent liberties with a minor, (ix) assault involving the use of a weapon, (x) possession of a firearm in violation of the law, (xi) possession of a weapon in violation of the law, ~~or~~ (xii) possession of a controlled substance in violation of the law, ~~the principal shall immediately report the act to the appropriate local law enforcement agency.~~ (xiii) homicide, including murder, manslaughter, and death by motor vehicle, (xiv) robbery, (xv) robbery with a dangerous weapon, or (xvi) burning of a school building. ~~Failure to report under this subsection is a Class 3 misdemeanor. The local board of education may assess a civil penalty of up to five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for failure to report under this subsection.~~

For purposes of this subsection, "school property" shall include any public school building, bus, public school campus, grounds, recreational area, or athletic field, in the charge of the ~~principal~~ principal.

It is the intent of the General Assembly that the principal notify the superintendent and the superintendent notify the local board of any report made to law enforcement under this subsection.

The superintendent shall work with local law enforcement agencies, the district attorney, the Department of Public Instruction, school staff, and other appropriate entities to provide training for all staff on reporting incidents of violence on school grounds."

SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law and applies beginning with the 2009-2010 school year.

