Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

Act 1437 of the Regular Session

1	State of Arkansas
2	85th General Assembly A Bill
3	Regular Session, 2005 HOUSE BILL 1708
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5	By: Representative Rosenbaum
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8	For An Act To Be Entitled
9	AN ACT TO AMEND ANTIBULLYING POLICIES; TO PROVIDE
10	PROCEDURES FOR MAKING ANONYMOUS REPORTS OF
11	BULLYING; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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13	Subtitle
14	AN ACT TO AMEND ANTIBULLYING POLICIES;
15	TO PROVIDE PROCEDURES FOR MAKING
16	ANONYMOUS REPORTS OF BULLYING.
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19	BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21	SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-18-514 is amended to read as follows:
22	6-18-514. Antibullying policies.
23	(a) The school board of directors in every school district shall adopt
24	policies to prevent pupil harassment, also known as bullying.
25	(b) The policies shall:
26	(1) Clearly define conduct that constitutes bullying;
27	(2) Prohibit bullying while <u>in school</u> , on school property, <u>in</u>
28	school vehicles, on school buses, at designated school bus stops, at school-
29	sponsored activities, or at school sanctioned events, and on school buses;
30	(3) State the consequences for engaging in the prohibited
31	conduct, which may vary depending on the age or grade of the student
32	involved;
33	(4) Require that a school employee who has witnessed or has
34	reliable information that a pupil has been a victim of bullying as defined by
35	the district shall report the incident to the principal;

1	(5) Require that the person or persons who file a complaint will
2	not be subject to retaliation or reprisal in any form;
3	(5)(6) Require that notice of what constitutes bullying, that bullying
4	is prohibited, and the consequences of engaging in bullying be conspicuously
5	posted in every classroom, cafeteria, restroom, gymnasium, auditorium, and
6	school bus in the district; and
7	$\frac{(6)}{(7)}$ Require that copies of the notice of what constitutes bullying,
8	that bullying is prohibited, and the consequences of engaging in bullying be
9	provided to parents, students, school volunteers, and employees. Each policy
10	shall require that a full copy of the policy be made available upon request.
11	(c) A school employee who has reported violations under the school
12	district's policy shall be immune from any tort liability that may arise from
13	the failure to remedy the reported incident.
14	(d) The local school board may provide opportunities for school
15	employees to participate in programs or other activities designed to develop
16	the knowledge and skills to prevent and respond to acts covered by this
17	policy.
18	(e)(1) The school district shall file with the Department of Education
19	a copy of the policies adopted in compliance with this section.
20	(2) The State Board of Education shall review the policies
21	provided by the school districts and may recommend changes or improvements to
22	the districts if the board determines that the policies need improvement.
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24	/s/ Rosenbaum
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27	APPROVED: 3/31/2005
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