

## HOUSE BILL NO. HB0137

Corporal punishment in schools-repeal.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Robinson, Iekel, Warren  
and Wasserburger and Senator(s) Goodenough  
and Sessions

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to corporal punishment in schools;  
2 providing that corporal discipline is not a reasonable form  
3 of punishment or disciplinary measure in schools; modifying  
4 a provision for immunity from liability for school  
5 personnel relating to discipline; providing a definition;  
6 and providing for an effective date.

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8 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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10 **Section 1.** W.S. 21-4-308(a), (b) and by creating a  
11 new subsection (d) is amended to read:

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13 **21-4-308. Punishment and disciplinary measures;**  
14 **denial of diploma or credit.**

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1 (a) Each board of trustees in each school district  
2 within the state may adopt rules for reasonable forms of  
3 punishment and disciplinary measures, but corporal  
4 discipline shall not be a reasonable form of punishment or  
5 disciplinary measure. Subject to ~~such~~the rules, teachers,  
6 principals, and superintendents in ~~such~~the district may  
7 impose reasonable forms of punishment and disciplinary  
8 measures for insubordination, disobedience, and other  
9 misconduct.

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11 (b) Teachers, principals, ~~and~~ superintendents ~~in each~~  
12 ~~district~~ and school personnel shall be immune from civil  
13 and criminal liability in the exercise of reasonable  
14 ~~corporal discipline of a student as authorized by board~~  
15 ~~policy~~ and necessary force for self-defense or the defense  
16 of others or to quell a disturbance.

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18 (d) As used in this section, "corporal discipline"  
19 means the use of physical force intended to cause pain  
20 including spanking, paddling, slapping or positioning which  
21 is designed to cause pain, as a disciplinary measure.

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1       **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2002.

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