

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0068

Corporal punishment in schools-repeal.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Wasserburger and Robinson

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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16 (a) Each board of trustees in each school district
17 within the state may adopt rules for reasonable forms of

1 punishment and disciplinary measures, but no rule shall
2 authorize any form of corporal discipline. Subject to ~~such~~
3 the rules, teachers, principals, and superintendents in
4 ~~such~~ the district may impose reasonable forms of punishment
5 and disciplinary measures for insubordination,
6 disobedience, and other misconduct. However, no employee
7 or agent of a district shall inflict corporal discipline or
8 direct corporal discipline to be inflicted upon a pupil to
9 reform unacceptable conduct or as a penalty for
10 unacceptable conduct.

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

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

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1 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2003.

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