

**HB22 ENGROSSED**



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3 By Representative Gidley  
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A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

Relating to public K-12 schools; to amend Section 16-28A-3, Code of Alabama 1975; to provide legislative findings; to define the role of assistant principal as assisting the principal with certain duties, including student discipline; to require each public K-12 school to have an assistant principal, if funding is available; and to provide procedures for dividing the responsibility if a public K-12 school employs more than one assistant principal.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. The Legislature finds and declares:

(1) The role of the public K-12 principal has been enhanced by the Legislature to emphasize his or her role as instructional leader of the school through legislation such as the Alabama Literacy Act and the Alabama Numeracy Act; and

(2) It is necessary to provide additional support for public K-12 principals by designating the duties of the assistant principal and authorizing local superintendents of education to delegate those duties among assistant principals.

Section 2. Section 16-28A-3, Code of Alabama 1975, is amended to read as follows:



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29 "§16-28A-3

30 (a) (1) Beginning with the 2024-2025 school year, the  
31 role of the assistant principal at each public K-12 school  
32 shall include assisting the principal with administration and  
33 enforcement of board policy and all applicable laws,  
34 including, but not limited to student discipline, instruction,  
35 management, safety, security, and any other duties assigned  
36 pursuant to subsection (b). For purposes of this section, the  
37 term "assistant principal" refers to any school administrator  
38 who reports directly to the principal and is charged with  
39 assisting the principal in the overall administration of a  
40 school.

41 (2) Each public K-12 school in this state shall have an  
42 assistant principal, provided the funding to do so is  
43 available. In the event that a public K-12 school employs more  
44 than one assistant principal, the local superintendent of  
45 education, or his or her designee, shall determine how to  
46 divide duties among the assistant principals.

47 (b) To fully implement the provisions of this chapter,  
48 the State Board of Education shall require each local board of  
49 education to develop a written policy on student discipline  
50 and behavior and to broadly disseminate ~~them~~ the policy  
51 following its adoption. Copies of the student discipline and  
52 behavior policy shall be given to all teachers, staff,  
53 parents, and students."

54 Section 3. This act shall become effective October 1,  
55 2024.



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John Treadwell  
Clerk