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SYNOPSIS:

Under existing law, each local board of education is required to develop a written policy on student discipline.

This bill would define the role of assistant principal and provide that it is the assistant principal's responsibility to oversee student discipline and administer and enforce the written policy on student discipline.

This bill would also authorize the local board of education to determine how to divide the responsibility if a public K-12 school employs more than one assistant principal.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to student discipline in public K-12 schools; to amend Section 16-28A-3, Code of Alabama 1975; to define the role of assistant principal as including the responsibility to oversee student discipline; and to provide procedures for dividing the responsibility if a public K-12 school employs more than one assistant principal.



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29 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

30 Section 1. Section 16-28A-3, Code of Alabama 1975, is
31 amended to read as follows:

32 "§16-28A-3

33 (a) To fully implement the provisions of this chapter,
34 the State Board of Education shall require each local board of
35 education to develop a written policy on student discipline
36 and behavior and to broadly disseminate ~~them~~ the policy
37 following its adoption. Copies of the student discipline and
38 behavior policy shall be given to all teachers, staff,
39 parents, and students.

40 (b) (1) Beginning with the 2024-2025 school year, the
41 role of the assistant principal at each public K-12 school
42 shall include, but not be limited to, overseeing student
43 discipline and the administration and enforcement of the
44 policy developed pursuant to subsection (a). For purposes of
45 this subsection, the term "assistant principal" refers to any
46 school administrator who reports directly to the principal and
47 is charged with assisting the principal in the overall
48 administration of a school.

49 (2) In the event that a public k-12 school employs more
50 than one assistant principal, the local board of education
51 shall determine how to divide the responsibility to oversee
52 student discipline among the assistant principals."

53 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the first
54 day of the third month following its passage and approval by
55 the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.