

# HB232 INTRODUCED



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SYNOPSIS:

Under existing law, a local superintendent of education or principal of a private K-12 school may be notified in writing if a child enrolled in a school under their jurisdiction has been adjudicated delinquent for committing certain criminal acts.

This bill would require the juvenile court to provide written notification to the local superintendent or principal of a private K-12 school upon an enrolled child being charged with or adjudicated delinquent by the juvenile court for committing a criminal act which if committed by an adult would be a Class A or Class B felony.

This bill would also authorize the juvenile court to provide written notification to the local superintendent or principal of a private K-12 school upon an enrolled child being charged with or adjudicated delinquent by the juvenile court for committing any other act which would be considered criminal if committed by an adult.

A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT



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29  
30 Relating to juvenile proceedings; to amend Section  
31 12-15-217, Code of Alabama 1975, to require written  
32 notification to be provided to the local superintendent of  
33 education or principal of a private K-12 school when an  
34 enrolled child has been charged with or adjudicated delinquent  
35 by the juvenile court for committing an act which would be  
36 considered a certain felony if committed by an adult; and to  
37 authorize the written notification to be provided when an  
38 enrolled child has been charged with or adjudicated delinquent  
39 by the juvenile court for committing any other act which would  
40 be considered a crime if committed by an adult.

41 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

42 Section 1. Section 12-15-217 of the Code of Alabama  
43 1975, is amended to read as follows:

44 "§12-15-217

45 (a) (1) Notwithstanding ~~subsection (a) of~~ Section  
46 12-15-133 (a), ~~written notice that~~ if a child, believed to be  
47 enrolled in a school, kindergarten to grade 12, has been ~~found~~  
48 charged with or adjudicated to be delinquent by a juvenile  
49 court of an act which if committed by an adult would be a  
50 Class A or B felony ~~or any other crime, at the discretion of,~~  
51 the juvenile court, shall ~~be provided~~ provide written notice  
52 within seven days after the charge or adjudication of  
53 delinquency to the superintendent of the school district of  
54 attendance, or, if the child attends a private school, to the  
55 principal of the school.

56 (2) Notwithstanding Section 12-15-133(a), if a child,



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57 believed to be enrolled in a school, kindergarten to grade 12,  
58 has been charged with or adjudicated to be delinquent by a  
59 juvenile court of any act which if committed by an adult would  
60 be a crime, other than those outlined in subdivision (1), the  
61 juvenile court may provide written notice within seven days  
62 after the charge or adjudication of delinquency to the  
63 superintendent of the school district of attendance, or, if  
64 the child attends a private school, to the principal of the  
65 school.

66 (3) The juvenile court shall provide the notice using  
67 whatever method it deems appropriate or otherwise as decided  
68 by the Administrative Office of Courts. ~~The prosecutor may~~  
69 ~~recommend to the juvenile court that notice be given to the~~  
70 ~~school for any delinquent act.~~

71 (4) Written notice shall include only the offenses,  
72 enumerated by the appropriate code section and brief  
73 description, found to have been committed by the child and the  
74 disposition of the case ~~involving the child.~~

75 (5) Where applicable, this notice shall be  
76 expeditiously transmitted by the district superintendent to  
77 the principal at the school of attendance. The principal shall  
78 disseminate the information to those counselors directly  
79 supervising or reporting on the behavior or progress of the  
80 child. In addition, the principal may disseminate the  
81 information to any teacher, administrator, or other school  
82 employee directly supervising or reporting on the behavior or  
83 progress of the child whom the principal believes needs the  
84 information to work with the ~~pupil~~ child in appropriate



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85 fashion or to protect other students and staff.

86 (b) Any information received by a teacher, counselor,  
87 administrator, or other school employee pursuant to this  
88 section shall be received in confidence for the limited  
89 purpose of rehabilitating the child and protecting students  
90 and staff, and shall not be further disseminated by the  
91 teacher, counselor, or administrator, except ~~insofar as~~ where  
92 communication with the child, his or her parent, legal  
93 guardian, legal custodian, law enforcement personnel, and the  
94 juvenile probation officer of the child is necessary to  
95 ~~effectuate the rehabilitation of~~ rehabilitate the child or to  
96 protect students and staff.

97 (c) An intentional violation of the confidentiality  
98 provisions of this section is a Class A misdemeanor under the  
99 jurisdiction of the juvenile court."

100 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October  
101 1, 2025.